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Remarks On Board Ship
South Carolina, Perry, Of Dartmouth
On a Whale Voyage To The South Seas
By William H. Taylor

A list of the officers and crew of the ship South Carolina as she sailed from Dartmouth on the 13th of August 1835

Names	Occupation	Place of residence
William B Perry	Master	Taunton
Abner Smith	1st mate	Dartmouth
William W Taylor	2d do	do
Robert J Wyatt	3d do	Fairhaven
Sanford B Faber	Boatsteam	New Bedford
Mason A Cook	do	Fairhaven
Abner D Sherman	do	Dartmouth
Leander Emery	do	New Bedford
William Sipson	Cooper	do
Elijah Lewis	Carpenter	Middleborough
Richard B Stowel	Caulker	Dartmouth
James Randal	Sailmaker	Fairhaven
Thomas M Francis	Steward	Albany
Thomas Green	Cook	New Jersey
Joseph Martin	Seamen	England
Charles Rockwood	do	do
Charles Smith	do	Fairhaven
David Smith	do	Dartmouth
William Smith	do	England
Joseph Lee	do	Philadelphia
William Thurston,	Charles Albert do	Taunton
William P Sanford	do	Dartmouth

John Nitte alias John Minett, Cuba, Joseph Antone Rea, Joseph Francis Fyatt, John Simmons, do John Roberson do

Ship South Carolina, Capt Percy, On a Whale Voyage, August, 13th 1835—

This day commenced with foggy weather & westerly winds, at 8, 00 AM I left home and went on board the ship, at 10, got under weigh with the wind W S W, a little foggy, saw two ships ahead of us, we called one the Nile the other the Phocion, at 6 P M the Pilot left us, in the mouth of the Bay nearly abeast of Cuttahunk light, at 11 00, the wind shifted around to the N W at 12 we were clear of the saw and pigs,

Saturday 14th

Fore part of this day day, we had thick weather with a strong breze from the N E, middle part strong brezes with rain took in the T G-sails and double reefed the topsails, latter part left wind shook the reefs out and set the, Main T G-sail, Came E, S E, Crew mostly drunk or sick

Sunday 15th

Commenced with good weather and a fine breze from the S W at sunrise saw the Nile off the lee quarter and a ship off the lee beam, middle clear, wind the same, got a distance made the Lon 68, 42, Lat at 12 Md 40, 6 Latter part much the same, spoke the Nile and kept company with her the rest part of the day

Monday 16th

All these 24 hours light-winds from the S W all hands employed setting up rigging, fitting boats &c at sunset the Nile was about a mile ahead of us with skysail & studding-sail set, Came E by S

Tuesday aug 17th 1835

Fore part of this day calm latter part a good breze from the S.W. saw the Nile about 10 miles ahead at sunrise at sunset there was two athir ships in sight to leward, This day all hands employed fitting ship, saw grampuses & killers several times to day at first we took them to be blackfish, and got the lines up but did not lower, Lat to day 40,06 Lon 64, 32, so ends, all hands on duty

Wednesday 18th

All these 24 hours strong breezes from the S.W. and squally with rain, saw the Nile at sunset, 1 point off the lee bow about 10 miles off, saw a topsail schooner about 10, am bound to the northard & westward, to day we have had watch and watch, all well so ends.
Lat 40, 23 Lon 62, 09

Thursday 19th

This day like yesterday squally with rain the Nile has been in sight between squalls all day about 7 or 8 miles off, we have had top mast S.T.G. studding sails set all the fore part of the day at sunset we took in the light sails & double reefed the topsails, all well & no sun, which makes men serviceable

Friday 20th

These 24 hours squally with rain in abundance and strong breezes, parted the fore top mast studsail bunt pends and split the sail, in a squall, took in S.G. sails and kept he off at sunset, latter part less wind and more rain, saw the Nile several times a day off our lee beam, Lat 40, 41; Lon 54, 29, Cann SE

Ship South Carolina, Aug 21st 1835

This day commenced with light wind and pleasant weather, ended the same, saw grampuses & porpoises several times, this afternoon a swallow came on board of us and stoped till after tea, he appeared to be very much exausted, to day all hands busy fitting for whaleing &c Lat 40, 26, N Lon 50, 16 W all well so ends

Sunday 22d

Light breezes, and clear all these 24 hours, saw a brig this morning steering S E, Saw grampuses & a school of porpoises, to day bet with the Capt about the lat got beat a few miles, Lat by Obs 40, 13, Lon 47, 18, all well so ends the Sabbath

I should liked to have been at home to day to have gone to meeting with my wife, as usual

Monday 23d

Commenced with squalls and rain, middle part gentle zephyrs and clear, latter part strong breeze at daylight saw a sail on our weather bow, at 7, am made her out to be an English barque we hauled our mainsail up and she kept off, but she was so long getting down, that we could not wait, so we braced full and stood along, at 12, 0C she was out of sight astern, nothing else worth noteing to day, all well so ends Lat 40, 34, Lon 44, 39,

Tuesday 24th

This day commenced with a whole sale breeze, ended with a gale of wind and very squally with thunder & lightning and rain, saw an English ship & two brigs, one of the latter came within hail she was called the Hope, of Greenock bound to London, at 6 P M sounded the pumps found 4 feet of water in the hold we sucked her with both pumps and all hands, at 11, 0C Lat 40, 14 Lon 42, 25

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Ships South Carolina, Aug 25th 1835

This day began with a heavy squall took in mizen topsail double reefed the fore & main and kept off before the wind 6 by I, ended with clear weather and steady breze, at sunset we spied a whaleman steering eastward under easy sail could not tell who it was, to day we killed a Fin and dressed the cook Lat 40, 40, Lon 39, 44 All well so ends these 24 hours

Thursday 27th

All these 24 hours pleasant weather with the wind about N kept her off two points to SE by S saw nothing to day worth mentioning Lat to day 39, 43 N Lon 37, 10 W, so ends

Friday 28th

Commenced with light breezes from the N middle part calm, latter part a small breze from E by S, at 1 PM saw a turtle lowered the waste boat and got him a hawkes bill, this forenoon saw a finback, so ends these 24 h to day commenced a letter to father

Lat 39, 18 Lon 34, 40

29th Light breezes fore part middle & latter stong brezes from the S.W., at sunrise saw a sail ahead, at 5 PM we spoke her she proves to be the Newark of Poughkeepsie 43 days out bound to the islands, at sunset we shortned sail at 12 hove too a little while. Lat 39, 20, Lon 33, 44

30th This day commenced with light wind at daylight made the island of Flores ahead, pretty soon it began to rain the wind shifted from SW to NE by N, saw a finback and some porpoises, all well so ends

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Western Islands Aug 31st 1835

At sunrise this morning we made the island of Fayal on the weather bow, saw a lumberman from Bath bound to Fayal, at 2 PM we put some letters on board of her to be left at Fayal, we saw several ships laying off and on reciting, we had a fine breze all day and kept along at sunset we were about of the E end of Pico, saw a schooner whaleman under easy sail and no body at mast head at 4 PM, guess they dont want whales much

Sept 1st

Strong breezes & squally all day, at 7 AM made St Michaels right ahead, at 2 PM sent a boat ashore with the Capt and layed off and on with the ship under double reefed topsails, so ends

Sept 2d

All this day very squally with rain every other thing Capt Perry went ashore this morning and bought 130 bushels of potatoes 6000 onions 100 melons 150 cabbages and 100 pumpkins all very good quality we got it all on board before sunset and should have been off to night but could'nt get our men off several of them were ashore drunk, I carried 2 letters on shore to day to go home

Wednesday Sept 3, alias Thursday

this morning and, Strong breezes all day, Capt went ashore brought off all the runaways, we squared our yards and stood S, in about 15 minutes after raised a whale to called it a sperm whale we clewed up T Gsails & hauled her on the wind to the Eastward, she sounded a good many times we never saw her again after she went down, we have had a fine breze all day, at 4 PM dis 6 Lim

Ship South Carolina Sept 4th 1835

Commenced with squalls & ended with good weather, about 4 OC this morning we had a heavy squall & double reefed the topsails, at daylight made sail again, wind abut N by W Course S by W to day baked out for vinegar cheese buff and water, so ends Lat 34, 29 N, Lon 25, 08 W

Saturday Sept 5th

Struck the N E trades about 10, AM had the wind light at first, Caught 30 C this afternoon the Capt coming from staff discovered the head of the foremast to be rotten very bad, so bad that we dare not carry much on it, so ends this day all well, Lat 32, 49 N Lon 25, 07, Course S by W

Sunday 6th

Commenced with strong breezes, nothing particular occured to day, only that I have had an agree in my face that caused my teeth to ache all this day, just before supper the Capt put his draws on and started one of them a little, but when I turned in I put on an indian meal & rum poultice that took away the ache and let me sleep but left the swelling, Lat 30, 52, Lon 24, 22

Monday 7th

Strong breezes all these 24 hours, the first thing this morning was to repair the foremast, which was done by cutting off the head of the mast about 14 & letting down the cap on to sound wood, at 10, AM we had it done, in good order, saw a sail to day Lat 28, 01, Lon 24, 20, all well but the cook so sea

Ship South Carolina, William Perry master, Sep 8th
Tuesday commenced with strong breezes and
cloudy weather, at sunrise tuned an and
set up the weather backstays, & turned up the
lee maintopmast rigging, this afternoon we
broke out the sail room and made a main
spencer of an old maintopsail, all well so end-
Lat 24, 58, Lon 24, 05 W Course S by W

Wed 9th
Strong breezes fore part of these 24 hours, latter
part strong breezes & hazy weather, To day we
set up the forge and fitted the main
spencer gaff &c and bent the sail, I have been
thinking about writing some letters to leave
at the C. V. island being within about 2
days sail of them, I have not determined
yet whether to write or not I expect the
chance of sending them would be very small
for we are going to St Nicholas, Nothing
occured to day worth mentioning except that
we saw a bird, the only one for some days
Lat 21, 50 N Lon 23, 56 W

Thurs 10th
Commenced with hazy weather and light
winds, latter part strong breezes and hazy
At daylight we found ourselves in green
water which is always to be found about
these islands and so in to the coast off Cape Blanco
If this wind holds we expect to make the island
of St. Nicholas tomorrow forenoon, it lays in
16, 46, N & 24, 37 W, our lat at 12, 00, was 18, 45 N
We are all well, I intend to write a letter to night

Ship South Carolina, Perry, Dartmouth

Friday 11 Commenced with steady breezes and hazy weather, at 10, AM, steering S by W, saw the island of St Nicholas 3 points off our lee bow, and run for it at 12 OC, saw a signal set on shore, we sent a boat in and brought off some hogs, fowls, cocoanuts, and water melons for which we changed bread and com- We then run down for the town and at 4 PM sent a boat in to trade, and landed our passenger Jac, at 7 she come off without effecting any trade, but sent word to the principal town, being in a fertile part of the island about 9 miles from the landing Jacs friend appeared to be very glad to see him having been absent 3 years and 17 days

Saturday 12th strong breezes and squally all day, went ashore at ½ past 6, Capt Perry went over to the town and I stopped to trade, but effected nothing till near night, when we bought 9 goats 4 hogs and about a dozen fowls &c got on board about 8, PM and kept off about S W, As we were going ashore this morning we saw a finback, should liked to have had a piece of him being entirely out of oil

Sunday 13th Squally with rain all day, made the islands of Fogo & Brava about 9 am steering S by W we hauld up S intending to stop at Fogo to get some grass for our goats, at 1 PM being within 3 miles of the S point saw a school of blackfish lowered all 4 boats, and got fast to the stern board boat, I got within dart 4 times but did not get fast, we did not stop at Fogo

Bound on a whale voyage to the Cape of Good Hope

Monday 14th Sept 1835

Commenced and ended with nothing remarkable, Fore part steering S with the wind E Middle & latter part close by with the wind S at 4 P M unbent the fore top sail and bent a better one, milked the goat and got supper so ends these 24 hours, Lat 14, 14, Lon of Fogo

Tuesday 15th

Caped off with nothing new or strange Ship close by heading S W, a S, saw grampuses To day boiled out the blackfish got about 2½ bbls, so I shall end this days work with the Lat & Lon included which was 13. 21. 25. 40

Wednesday 16th

Commenced I believe with a little wind from the E, and ended with a N E'ter blowing a clever little breeze, squared the yards and set studding sails, this afternoon we picked a barrel of Cabbages and one of potatoes all well so ends Lat 12, 14, N Lon 25 41 2

Thursday 17th

Steering S. S. E. with a smart breeze from the N fore part of the day, latter part light airs, at 10 A M saw blackfish close to the ship but did not lower, being bending fore top sail and having a fair wind thought it not worth while To day we took our potatoes out and aired them and stowed them away again in good order, at 4 P M saw two ships astern steering as we are Lat 11, 03 N Lon 25. 29 West from Green

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Ship South Carolina, William B. Perry Master

Friday Sept 18th 1835

This day commenced with light winds from the South, ended with the wind S.S.W moderate at daylight saw two ships off our lee bow steering E, at 12, o c saw a sail ahead steering N, at nine spoke her within 2 miles, she was English, To day we broke out our new sails and bent mainsail, main topsail & fore T. G. sail, got the cattle up and turned a lot of bungs, filled up the butts, sorted our onions &c This has been a hot day, Lat 10, 00 N Lon 25, 17

Saturday 19th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S.W, latter part more moderate, at ½ past mid saw a whale, it proved to be a finback saw a sail to day but could not make out who or what she was, Lat 9, 18, Lon 23, 30

Sunday 20th

Light winds and calm these 24 hours saw a sail this morning steering E, wind to day W by N, Course S.S.E, at 4 P M lowered a boat and tried the current found a two knot current setting to the eastward

Lat 8, 17 N Lon 22, 7 W

Monday 21st

First part strong breezes and squally latter part light winds and cloudy, saw a sail this morning off our lee quarter at 6, P M spoke her she proved to be the Barque Onepia 39 days out of London bound to New South Wales, gave him latter &c and got some yams, mending sails to day, so ends

On a whaling voyage to the South Seas, & else

Tuesday 22d day of Sept, the 25 annaversay of my birth
This day commenced with very good weather and easterly winds at 12. oC it began to rain and in a rain squall it ended, this forenoon we were employed mending sails, saw two barque ships of our weather beam one of them is the Pupia Teffet, Lat by Calculation 6,30 Lan 20,00,2 men on the sick list to day

Wednesday 23d
Commenced with strong breezes from the S.W. and continued so all day, heading to the eastward saw two ships to windward at 12 O.C they boath tacked to the westward, To day finished mending maintopsail so, ends all well but Lee & Smith Lat 4,12, Lan 20,

Thursday 24th
Commenced with strong breezes ended with light, this days work began with mending sails, at 8. Am we knocked off with that and commenced with turning down the F. rigging and setting it up, afternoon all hand at the fore & main rigging, at 5. P.M by the wind heading E tucked to the westward, To day our flock of goats were increased by two both dead,, saw nothing, Lat 5, Lan 19. 4

Friday 25th
These 24 hours strong breezes from the S, stood to the eastward all day, at 11, oC tacked again to the westward, to day finished the main rigging, & buried a goat one of our best ones she gave two thimbles full of milk every day

Ship South Carolina Capt Perry on x

Saturday 26th

Strong breezes and squally these 24 hours To day fitted cutting gear &c saw a humpback, old father Lee is pretty poorly Smith is one duty, the rest are well Lat to day was 4, 10, N Lon 15, 46

Sunday 27th

Light winds and clear weather for the most part of this day, ship close by heading up S & by E, to day we stoped milking the goats, & saving out our potatoes were rotting very bad, full one third spoilt, Lat to day was 3, 51, N, Lon 14, 10

Monday 28th

Fine breezes and clear to day, saw nothing but porpoises, we got our cutting pendants up and lashed them overhauled our potatoes and ~~bad~~ picked them over &c Lat 2, 49, N Lon 12, 39, by observation

Tuesday 29th

Good weather and fine breezes all these 24 hours, this afternoon all hands employed in ship duty, i.e. ~~that~~ fitting unbolting gear rigging &c saw some green water to day Lat 1, 47, N Lon 10, 19 W all well but Lee

Wednesday 30th

This day commenced and ended with nothing new or strange, wind S.W, as usual ship on the eastern tack, hands variously employed in ship duty Capt has been making a fore sheet Lat 1, 05, Lon 9, 15 W all green water to day

Voyage of Trouble to the South Seas & Elsewhere

Thursday Oct 1st

Commenced with light brases at S.W. at sunset the wind hauled a little to the S tacked ship to the westward, all hands vareously employ this afternoon as usual, the Ocean is as smooth as a pond to day the weather very cold for a vertical sun is so cold that a good thick jacket is very comfortable nights Lat. 0, 40, N. Lon 8, 10

Friday 2d

Light airs from the south to day, ship on the western tack, at 2, PM saw a spout off the lee beam, so ends Lat, 32 N Lon 7, 00 W.

Saturday 3d

Proved a fine day wind about S S E, light hands to work on the fore spencer & saw some large albicores and lots of fly fish, about 8 AM croped the equinoctial line according to calculation Lat, 1 48 S, Lon 7, 0

Sunday 4th

This like the former has been a pleasant day, saw some finbacks &c, I have wished myself at home more than a hundred times to day, I dreamed last night that I was at home and at the funeral of my sister Mary, I am not under the influence of superstetion, neither am I a dream believer, yet death overtakes all sooner or later and perhaps while I am writing some of my friends are on their death bed Lat to day 1, 07 S Lon 9, 36

Ship South Carolina, Perry of Dan

Monday 5th

This day commenced with light breezes and clear weather, saw a lot of finbacks &c, nothing happened to day worth mentioning, except that Mr Smith killed a booby, Lat to 2, 9, s, Lon 11, 38 w

Tuesday 6th

Small winds and pleasant weather to day as usual saw some finbacks &c This afternoon I have been fitting on some new pumps and must confess it was new business to me, Mr Smith got his fore spencer all ready to bend in the morning, Lat 3, 14s. Lon 12, 16w

Wednesday 7th

Commenced with light breezes latter part strong breezes from S.S.E. bent the fore spencer and got it and it sets like a board, saw large schools of flyfish and albecores after am this afternoon we set up the weather T. Gallant backstays and rigging, so ends Lat 4, 45s Lon 13.50

Thursday 8th

This day commenced with strong breezes from the S.E. and cloudy weather, set up the weather topmast backstay & mizen topmast stay, wore ship now main braces & leftacles and iron hooped the hatch coamings & she has made a good days work of it Lat 6, 13, Lon 15, 23 being 103 N. of Ascension & 67 West of it

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On a whale voyage to the South Seas & elsewhere

Sunday 9th

Had the wind S E by E strong, weather cloudy, at 10 Am saw whales on the weather bow called them sperm called the watch and got all ready for them but they turned out to be finbacks a number of them together, so we made a great noise and bustle for nothing, we went about our work fitting main T.G. hawlinds &c in ships &c Lat 8, 24, L 16, 16

Saturday 10th

C.d with strong breezes Middle part light latter part strong & squally, saw nothing, this morning broke out for fresh water and filled 60 bbls of salt took in fly jib several times to day at last put a preventor backstay on the fore top gallant mast and carried upon her Lat to day 10 51 s. Lon 17. 20 W, 30 ends

Sunday 11th

Commenced and ended with strong breezes Middle part light, at sunrise saw a sail off our lee bow about 2 points, continued to gain upon her through the day at sunset she was hull up from mast head, so ends Lat 12, 48 s Lon 18, 10 w

Monday 12th

All this day strong breezes & squally saw a breach and spouts, (finbacks) our consort is no nearer than she was last night this morning we carried away the fly jib gaff saved the sail

Lat 15, 24, L 18, 35

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Ship South Carolina, Capt. W.B. Perry of Dart—

Tuesday 13th Oct

Strong breezes and squally all day, our convoy was in sight right ahead about 10 miles off, This morning we got up our cables in order to clean & black them at 5, P.M. knocked off had 1 chain cleaned: and blacked 4 or 5 fathoms of the other all well so ends

Wednesday 14th

Cain with a squall continued squally with strong breezes all day, at 11 AM saw breaches on the weather bow about 6 miles off could not make out what they were, The good ship — is now on our weather bow about 4 point and 12 miles off, we run off last night in the heavy squalls. At 10, AM finished the chains, and washed off. so ends all well ~~Lat 27, 47, Lon~~ Lat 20, 14

Thursday 15th

Light breezes to day and clear saw no fish, saw a ship on weather bow & 1 off the lee beam, at daylight this morning filled the butt, and commenced painting ship, at sunset we had her daubed inside and the black streak below the white, as usual. This day we burned another cask, and killed the black hog to save him,

Lat 21, 47. Lon 18, 58

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On a Whale Voyage to the East Cape & else where

Friday Sept 16th 1836

Commenced with light airs and calm middle part the same latter part strong breezes & foggy weather at sunrise saw a ship off our lee quarter, at sunset she was 2 points on our weather bow owing to a change of wind, we call her a whale man, this afternoon began painting outside and set up the weather Main topmast backstays &c Lat 22, 26, s Lon 18, 38, W

Saturday 17th

Strong breezes & squally all these 24 hours Wind E, saw breakers 6 miles off, the watch busy making scrubbrooms &c

Lat 24, 17, s Lon 20, 05 W

Sunday 18th Sept

All this day strong breezes, and rough sea saw a few cob weather birds &c This morning, sent down main royal mast at 2 PM took in fore & main T. G. sail at 4 PM double reefed the topsails, so ends

Lat 26, 29 s Lon 17. 41 W

Monday 19th, Cold & rugged all these 24 hours, saw some finbacks, & gonys. This morning sent down main T. G. yard & fished it, & sent it aloft again. Lat 28. 43. s Lon 17. 07 W

Tuesday 20th

Strong breezes and rugged weather saw lots of finbacks gonys, and small birds To day another goat died, the rest will soon die, Lat 31. 00. s Lon 16, 53 W so ends the 20th of Oct and no oil yet

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1835. Oct 21st. Ship South Carolina

Wednesday 21st

Strong breezes and squally all day carried double reefed topsails all day at 4. P M cleared up the main topsail to repair it, rove a new set of topsail braces fore and aft, saw plenty of finbacks & gannys, in Lat 32, 08 n. Lon 15, 30 w

Thursday 22d

Commenced with fine breezy & good weather saw a sail and chased her had saw some birds but no finbacks nothing particular occurred to day except that we lost a goat, watches busily employed in ships duty Lat 33, 16 n, 12, 51 w

Friday 23d

Fore part of this day good weather & light winds, saw a great many porpoises caught one at 11 AM saw two right whales in a school of brit lowered 3 boats and chased them till 2 P M when it set in thick and we lost sight of them and went on board it continued thick with rain all the afternoon, saw an English barque steering S. E. at 4 P M, saw nothing more of the whales, or birds, at sunset took in all sail and set the watch boat crews so ends these 24 hours Lat 34, 31 n Lon 11. 15

Saturday 24th

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Light winds and clear warm & pleasant Middle part Latter part foggy with light airs saw a sail merchantman Lat 34, 34, Lon 10. 30

From Dartmouth, Towards Cape of Good Hope

Sunday 25th Oct 1835

Commenced with light winds and calm with fog saw something looked like whales this morning lowered all 4 boats but it proved a false alarm, saw large quantities of birds portuguese men of war saw two ships to day (merchant) steering S.E. Lat 34. 58 S. Lon 8. 45 West of Green

Monday 26th

Fore part light winds saw some humpbacks, steering S.E. at 12 oc. strong breezes latter part strong breezes saw 2 right whales lowered but did not get on so end these 24 hours Lat 36. 22. Lon 8. 32

Tuesday 27th

Strong breezes and squally with fog saw a sail about 11 last night she run down and spoke us she proved to be the Triton of Portsmouth, Richie, he sent his boat on board, Capt Perry went on board of her did not stop long, she has been 90 days from home, has got 50 bbls sperm oil

~~Lat~~, about 4 P.M. she run down again in company with a large Dutch ship from Amsterdam bound to New Holland, Capt Richie came on board and spent the evening till 10 oc. Lat 37, 00. Lon 5, 36

Wednesday 28th

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Strong breezes and foggy, the Triton is off our lee, fore part of the day we run off S.S.E saw whales at 10. am. lowered 4 boats got nothing Lat 37, 48. Lon 3, 3

Ship South Carolina Dartmouth

Thursday 29th Oct 1835

This day Commenced with a gale of wind from the N middle part, S W strong gale and clear weather saw some whales finbacks I believe Lat 34, 19, Lon 1, 03

Friday 30th

Commenced with light winds middle part calm latter part light airs saw some black fish and seaweed, saw some finbacks &c, To day we unbent the fore & main topsail and bent old ones unbent the foresail and repaired it this night we carry all sail steering N E

Lat 35, 30, Lon 1, 08 W

Saturday 31st

Light airs from the N all these 24 h saw a finback and a humpback some cowfish &c, set up the foretopmast backstays and fid gayes, broke out fore water head and butts so ends these 24 hours

Lat 35, 09, Lon 00, 39 west from Gr

Sunday 32d Alias November 1st, 1835

Commenced with light winds from the N E with a heavy swell from the S W, Saw several sulphur bottoms, that bothered us for we took them to be right whales we tacked ship several times to day, our cause is N E, to look for whales, and to night we stand half watches, I hope tomorrow we shall get something for I am tired of this fun, Lat 34, 57 Lon 00, 09 W

On a Whale, Voyage to the South Atlantic, & Elsewhere

Monday November 2d, D 1835

All this day very pleasant weather with light airs from the N W, saw lots of humpbacks and porpoises. this morning, unbent the mizen topsail bent another repaired the old one and stowed it away, finished painting the ship outside, bent the fore topmast studding sail and set it, all well so ends

Lat 34, 20s. Long 00, 20 E

Tuesday 3d

Light airs and pleasant weather all these 24 hs saw a great many humpbacks, some of them we took to be right whales, Canne E by N Latitude by observation 33, 18, Lon 1, 25

Wednesday 4th

Fine weather and light winds, at day light shifted the boats put out a new one on the larboard quarter took the bow boat in and put her over head put the quarter boat on the bow cranes in the scrape raised a right whale lowerd and chased her about 2 hours could not get on, saw no more today, Canne E, Lat 32, 58, Lon 3, 40 E

Thursday 5th

Fresh breezes & fine weather these 24 hours saw humpbacks and finbacks in abundance but God knows where the right whales are but we dont we have been driving her to the eastward these last 4 or 5 days too long for ships or whales or something better than this

Lat 32, 45, Lon 5, 11, E

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Friday 6th

Commenced with strong breezes and thick weather saw humpbacks and finbacks, at 2 PM saw a sail and run for her she proved to be the Sterling — of Rotterdam, 14 month out, 800 bbls, for there last 20 days she has seen whales every day, got nothing, the Mate is sitting at this table

Lat 31, 59, Lon 8, 15 E

Saturday 7

Commenced with light winds and fog, middle part more clear saw no whales, at 10 am spoke ship Miles of Warren 1 right whale & 60 bbls upon had a regular gam, bound

Lat 32 40 Lon 10, 00

Sunday 8

Strong breezes saw no whales as usual saw the Mn we steered S E. till 11, a.m. she tacked and stood to the westward, we kept on at 2 PM saw a sail off on lee bow 4 points did not speak her at sunset took in sail set quarter watches Lat 32, 8 Lon 12, 7

Monday 9th

This day strong breezes from the S, saw nothing but finbacks, in the shape of whales, at 12 OC saw a sail off the lee beam at 12 saw one of the mast heads at this season at 2 spoke her, Lagoon of Lisbon 1 whale Lat 31, 32, Lon 13 W

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Ship South Carolina 89 days out, no oils

Tuesday 10th Nov

Commenced with strong breezes, and squally, saw some humpbacks as usual at sunrise the Lascar was under arms, we made sail and kept off N W with the wind S.S.W she stove along on the wind on the western tack at 10 A M she was out of sight, This is the easiest voyage I've ever been plenty to eat and good weather, and nothing to do but just to sail about

Lat 31, S., Lon 10, 34 E

Wednesday 11th

Commenced with moderate breezes & steering E N E saw whales at 2 P M lowered the boats and got most an twice, lost a hen and killed a hog

Lat 29, 8. Lon 9, 18 E

Thursday 12th Strong breezes to day, spoke an English brig from the Cape bound to London two days ago she spoke the Chile of 13 1200 bbls, had lost 2 men that day at 2 O.C. this afternoon saw two right whales and chased them hard to windward, Lat 29, 33, Lon 10, 25 E

Friday 13th

Strong gales and squally all these 24 hours saw a great many finbacks to day but no birds nor nothing that looked like whaling We stand half watches again to night steering S W by W Lat 28, 45 Lon 10, 40 E

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Ship South Carolina Dartmouth

Saturday November 14th 1835

This day commenced with strong breezes latter part moderate, saw nothing as usual, steering S W by W

Lat 29, 48, Lon 9, 33 E

Sunday 15th

Fine breezes to day and good weather to day saw abundance of finbacks & humpbacks and gonys, cunid all sail steering S W by W fore and latter part middle part wind backed us aft to W S W W, Lat 31, 22, Lon 8, 30 E

Monday 16th

Cond with light winds and fog ended with a gale of wind, after 4 P M saw thousands of finbacks and porpoises, wind about S, Cons S S W

Lat 31, 50, Lon 5, 31 E of Fern

Tuesday 17th

Strong breezes fore part latter part light winds from the S, saw two finbacks and lots of porpoises and birds

Lat 32, 49, Lon 3, 49 E

Wednesday 18th

Four part of these 24 hours had the wind light from S S E, latter part calm, saw no whales, at 10 A M caught a porpoise, and skinned him, nothing else occured to day worth noting, watches employed scrimshoning, so ends this day

Lat 33, 45 Lon 2, 30 E

Thursday November 19th D 18, 35, Lat 34 1/2 Lon 2, 18

This day commenced with a calm, latter part light breze from the N; this morning caught a shark from me extracted 26 in evenging 15 inches in length, at 10 AM saw a sail of the larboard bow on the wind heading to the westward, our course is W shortly after saw two more at ½ past 5 judged the nearest one 5 miles off lowerd a boat Capt went on board she proved to be the barque Rajah, Bennet, 1 whale, the next was the London Packet Jenny 18 mo 1700 the other we did not know

Lat 34 12 L 2, 18

Friday 20th

light airs from the N to day, saw 5 ships this morning at sunrise we were to leward of them all, at 4, am kept them off before the wind with a topmast studding sail out at 10 saw whales lowerd 3 boats and struck one and saved him at 5 PM had him in and cleard away, at ½ past 5 spoke the London Packet got an ans letter &c

Lat 34, 5 2

Saturday 21st

Fine breezes and good weather, saw some right whales, got mast on to one spoke the London Packet and let her have a cask of bread got mast through boiling &c wrote a letter home Lat 34, 49

South Carolina, Dartmouth

Sunday 22d

Good weather to day, saw whales several times and chased at 5, P M. two small whales to leward, lowered away and struck one got her along side at sunset and began to cut at it part & had her in, took in sail and set the watch, I have a bile ake something on my upper lip which is very painful and as thick as my negroes

Lat 35. 20 Lon 1. 42 E

Monday 23

Strong breezes this day saw no whales but humpback and finbacks, saw a sail at sunset to windward, my face is very much swollen and I am almost sick so good night Lat 34. 49. Lon 1. 40

Tuesday 24th

Strong gales to day saw no fish, saw a ship the Lawson of Leith had got nothing since we saw him, we began to boil this morning at sunrise finished at 12 midnight Lat 35. 10, Lon 2, 10 E

Wednesday 25th

Strong breezes and rugged saw lots of finbacks and humpbacks saw a merchantman this morning this afternoon saw the Lawson driveing with all sail out, to day we stowed down an oil in the fore peak Lat 34. 45

South Atlantic Nov 26th 1835, Lat 35,29, Lon 2,18 E

Thursday 26,

This day commenced with light winds, latter part nearly calm, saw nothing to day, at day-light turned out and washed ship, after breakfast scraped the hoop and stowed it away, this afternoon got a lunar, Lat 35,29, Lon 2,20 E

Friday 27th

Light winds from the N W all this day. Saw 4 whales to day, at 9 AM saw the first lowered and struck him soon killed him and he sunk with 5, irons and a spade and about 200 fathoms of line attached to him, the rest of them were going to windward quick so we could not get near them, to night we carry all sail in order to get to windward

Lat 35,52, Lon 2,31 E

Saturday 28th

Small breezes from the W, saw nothing, steering N for the most part To day fitted the new hoop to the tub, caught several birds &c

Lat 35,12, Lon 1,41 E

Sunday 29th

Commenced with calm and light airs, latter part small breezes from the S W steering N W fore part, latter part S W

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At 3 P M saw a carcass, lowered a boat & tried the current found it setting N E, E, 30 minutes before sunset saw a whale going quick to windward lowered and chased her but Lat 35,14, Lon 1,52 E

Ships South Carolina of Dartmouth

Monday Nov 30th

All this day calms and light airs, This morning a man denied duety, put him in irons and an allowance, at 2 P.M saw a whale lowred and chased her about 5 miles to the S.W. at 5 P.M clewed up the fore topsail and hauled the foresail up and repaired them

Lat 35, 53, Lon 1, 41 E

Tuesday 31st Dec

Small breezes from the S all this day, saw no whales, at 10 A.M saw a sail ahead, at 3 P.M spoke us she proved to be a French man of war sent here to protect their whalers she is bound to St Helena thence to Tristean & the Cape, we let her have a couple of pigs an iron & glance for which we received the money, so ends this day, all well Lat 36, 22 Lon 1, 65 E

Wednesday 2d

Stiff breezes from the S for the most part of these 24 hours, At 10 A.M we fell in with and boarded the Alexander 29 Barclay, Peny 64 days from N Island to Java, At 10 A.M saw a whale and chased her, saw an English Barque steering to the N.W. 2 P.M saw saw whales again and got a large cow and cut her in by 10 P.M saw another sail to windward Lat 36, 43. Lon 0. 42 E

South Atlantic Ocean Lat 36. 40, S, Lon, 10, 20, E

Thursday Dec 3d

Light breezes and thick weather saw nothing to day but our consorts steering to the westward, boiling watch & watch, this afternoon caught a porpus all well so ends this day

Friday 4th

Fore part of these 24 hours nearly calm latter part light breze from the N saw nothing to day but birds and 2 sun-fish, after breakfast we began to stow down in fore peak where we left off last; and broke out to the main hatchway ready for to morrow

Saturday 5th Lat 37. 00, Lon 00. 02 E.

Fore part light, middle part stormy and latter part light breezes with fog and rain, finished boiling at sunrise and stowing down at 4. P M, at 9 AM saw a whale and chased her, came on board and down tacks, at ½ past 11 layed off again two boats, and struck her, (waste boat) and drowned, 24 lances

Lat 37. 40. Lon 00. 52 W

Sunday 6th

This day strong breezes and rugged saw some fin & humpbacks, at daylight made sail and washed ship saw a sail steering to the eastward this afternoon broke out fore water so ends Lat 38. 03. Lon 1. 15 W

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Ships South Carolina Dartmouth

1835 Dec 7th

This day Commenced with light winds ended the same, at 8 AM saw a sail ahead wind light did not speak her at mnnt she was about 10 miles off on our weather bow scraped the bones and stowed it away so ends this day Lat 37.04 Lon 2,00 W

Tuesday 8th

Thick weather with strong breezes and some rain, at ½ past 6 AM saw the sail we saw yesterday she proved to be the Heroine of Fairhaven 5 months out, 160 bbls of sperm, 4 right whales had an all day gamme with Capt Baxter so ends Lat 37,43, Lon 2, 05 W

Wednesday 9th

All this day calm and light airs gained with the Heroine this afternoon, saw a sail off the weather beam, lost a man overboard this morning lowered a boat for him unbent the mizen top gallant sail and repaired it &c &c Lat 38.8, Lon 2, 45 W

Thursday 10th

Five past calm with fog latter part strong breezes with rain, 31
3 ships in sight Heroine, Blackstone of Groton 6 whales, William Baxter of Warren 7 whales, this afternoon saw a whale and shand her caught 2 porpoise

South Atlantic Ocean Lat 38. 26. Lon 4. 12 W

Friday Dec 11

This day commenced with strong breezes, at 8. AM had a heavy squall which ended in a living gale of wind called all hands took in all sail but close reefed main topsail, saw humpbacks breaching within 10 rod of us

Saturday 12th

Light winds all this day saw nothing but ocean full of humps & finbacks, this afternoon killed a goat for the dog & cat saw a sail this morning on the weather bow which proved to be the Heroin

Lat 37 37. Lon 4. 33, W

Sunday 13th

All this day light breezes saw nothing in the shape of right whales saw a french ship and had a game got some wine in exchange for fish boards to Lucca &c Lat 36, 57. Lo 4, 46

Monday 14th

Strong breezes all this day saw no whales, at 10 AM saw a sail ahead at 12 spoke her she proved to be the Chili Lucy of NB 19 months out 1650 bbls, 10 whales this season, the story of her having lost 2 men by a whale was false, Our object at present is to get to the islands in hopes of finding whales, By Capt Lucy I heard of the death of Capt Eddy in June last by a wound in the thigh

Lat 36, 20, Lo 3, 55 W

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Tuesday Dec 15

Strong breezes & squally all these 24 hours, saw no whales to day, at 4 PM saw an English barque bound round the cape, blowing strong and heavy rugged did not speak him so ends

Lat 37, L 4.36

Wednesday 16th

This day calm for the most part, repaired the sails fore & aft at 4 PM saw two right whales lowered in company with the Chili but could not catch them came on board and took in sail, so ends

Lat 37, 19. Lon 6.40

Thursday 17th

Light winds all day, at 12. O.C. saw a sail to windward she run down and proved to be the Samuel Robinson 6 whales, no spem Capt Perry got a letter, saw no whales

Lat Lon

Friday 18th

Light winds with some fog, saw 4 different whales chased them had got on twice and but did not fasten at sunset Capt Luce came on board by him I sent three letters 1 to wife 1 to David 1 to my father

Lat 38.5 Lon 6.19

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South Atlantick Ocean Dec 19th 1835

Saturday 19th

Commenced with light winds & rainy weather with a heavy swell, middle part blowd heavy took in fore & mizen topsail &c and hove too heading to the westward, Chili off our lee beam, saw nothing to day

Lat 37. 46. Lon 6, 57. W

Sunday 20th

A.M this day strong gales and squally saw no whales at 12.0c. saw a sail steering E, last night of the Chili last night by tacking ship at 2.0c. saw no whales To day we changed stewards put Charles Smith in place of Thomas Green resigned

Lat 37. 28. Lon 7. 11 W

Monday 21st

Began & ended with light winds saw a sail called her the Chili saw a whale supposed the Chili had had a peg at her by her actions going quick and irregular, saw a large quantity of birds bound to the N E this afternoon clewed down the main topsail and battened the yard in the slings, saw a large shoal of small fish and a shark, Lat 37. Lon 7. 51 W

Tuesday 22d

Light winds and very pleasant weather saw several whales dolpful, saw lots of ships saw one cutting at sunset, to day unbent the mainsail and repaired it Lat 37. 10. Lo 8, 20

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Ship South Carolina, Off Darien

Wednesday 23d

At daylight saw whales blowing strong double reefed the topsails and bowsed 3 boats we soon got fast to a calf with a cow old cow, soon killed them both the cow sunk the calf was not worth taking along side, at 7, AM. we got on board again, took in fore & mizen topsails & close reefed the main, so ends Lat 37. 37. Lon 8. 15.

Thursday 24th

Continuation of the gale to day with an increas, saw nothing but a finback and a lot of birds, at 6 AM reefed the foresail and set it so ends Lat 37. 41. Lon 8, 1, W

P.S. killed two pigs to day for Christmas

Friday 25th

Fore part of this good Christmas day a continuation of the gale latter part more moderate with fog and rain about 12, OC. we saw a gam of whales 8 in number they played around the ship some time saw several more gams this afternoon but too rugged to lower for them now good night the prospects is fair for several whales to morrow, I hope you will have all had a merry Christmas we have had a rainy one Lat 38, 82 Lo 8, 5

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South Atlantic Ocean Dec 26th 1835

Saturday

This day commenced with strong breezes and foggy with rain, at sunrise gave her whole main topsail single reefed fore and mizen, but soon were reduced to a double reef again which we carried 'till 5. P.M when in a squall we took in fore and mizen topsail close reefed the main Died on board the South Carolina this day of a fit of the scratching palsey, a little black and white cat, funeral the same day.

Lat 38. 40, Lon

Sunday 27th

All this day, fore part calm and small breezes, latter part strong breezes at 3 P.M took two reefs in the topsail hauled up the mainsail, thick and squally to windward, saw nothing but porpoises, at 12 OC kept off S.W. wind N

Lat 38, 5. Lon 8, 13 W

Monday 28th

This day commenced with a gale of wind and rain from the W. to W. ended with the wind S.W. blowing heavy at 5. P.M. saw a sail off the lee quarter saw no whales to day, all well so ends

Lat Lon

Tuesday 29th Fore part, gale continues middle part more moderate made sail set the main T.G. sail steering N.W. wind S., latter part wind S. light saw lots of porpoises, so ends Lat 37, 35. Lon 8, 43 W

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Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Wednesday 30th Dec 1835

This day commenced with light winds and pleasant weather, ended with light winds and some rain, saw a canoes at sunrise saw a sail at 12. OC. she spoke us, proved to be the French man of war so ends this day Lat 36.50 Lo 8, 43 W

Thursday 31st

Fare strong gales with fog and rain, latter part strong gales and clear saw nothing, steering N E, via E. wind S W

Lat 36, 30, Lon 9, 12

Friday January 1st 1836

I wish you all (my friends) a happy new year, for myself I do not expect it

This day began and ended with fine pleasant weather, and no whales as usual, saw some humpbacks towards night and a large quantity of whale feed but did not stop, but carried all sail steering S S W with the wind at E To day we unbent and repaired the fore sail & fore topmast stay sail broke out the after hold for flour butter and beef, I hope we shall see whales soon for I am tired doing nothing.

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Lat 36. 18 Lo 9. 2 West

South Atlantic Ocean Jan 2d 1836

all this day strong breezes with rain and fog, steering S by W, wind N saw large pods of bait, but no whales, so ends

Sunday 3d

Sun obscured

Commenced with a gale of wind as usual, at 8 am a heavy squall struck from the S W and in a few minutes it increased to a perfect hurricain which continued about 4 hours, during the fore part of the blow we lost the main top sail to the close reef fly jib boom and fore top mast stay sail, at 10 Am succeeded in getting her before the wind in doing which we lost the weather yard arm of the fore sail, while scudding we sent all three top gallant yards down and rove the fly jibs, lost a hen had the starboard boat stove and Emery got his chin cut pretty bad &c &c no sun to day

Monday 4 th

Light airs from the S W, steering W, saw nothing, The watch has been busily employed repairing damages and clearing the wrecks, the Wyatt below with the teeth ache, so ends

Lat 38. 51. Lon 8, 14

Tuesday 5 th

Fine warm and moderate weather all this day saw nothing as usual, the watch employed in making Fore & Mizen T G masts, and mending sails afternoon sent the masts up &c, Lat 38, 44, Lon 9, 19

Ship South Carolina, of Dartmouth

Wednesday 6th

All this day, Good weather, steering SbW
wind N E, watches being till 5 P M
looking for a cask of corn filling
salt water &c, at ½ past 5 saw raised
whales ahead, at 6 lowered and got 1
large whale, got her along side
before dark took in sail &c.
at 7, saw a sail steering for us
did not speak us Lat 39.54, Lo 9.36

Thursday 7th

Fine moderate weather all this
day, commenced cutting at daylight
in a thick fog, at 6, P M the fog
lighted a little and we saw the
land (Gaugh's island) finished cutting
at ½ past 9, am and run for the
land wind very light for the most
part at 10 Am saw a sail to the
windward of the island, at 6 P M
fell in with her under the lee
of the land she proved to be a
20 months out
7 whales, she sent her boats ashore
to day and procured a good lot of
pinguins, fish, and lobsters alias 39
crawfish, and made us a present
of some, about 5 P M we caught 4
porpoises so that we are pretty well
off for fresh fish at present; to
morrow we shall send two boats ashore

South Atlantic Gough's Island

Friday 8th of Jan

Fine weather for the most part, went to day with two boats caught some fish and lobsters and killed a seal, two ships in sight with their boats ashore, so ends, bailing &c.

Saturday 9th

Light winds with now and then a shower, went ashore with one boat had a hard chase for some seals but could not find them they were in some inaccessible place I suppose for we could hear them every few minutes at 6 P M went on board the french man and exchanged the men we have had in turns for an American finished bailing before dark and kept off S W blowing fresh with rain

Sunday 10th

Fore part strong breezes with rain latter part stiff breezes and clear saw several whales dark & dismal, finished stowing down our oil 120 bbls so ends

Lat 40 59, Lon 9. 40

Monday 11th

This day commenced with rain and strong gales from the N W with thunder and lightning took in all sail, at 10 A M made sail and steered S S W so ends

Lat 41. 50 S

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Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Tuesday 12th

This day commenced with strong gales from the NW fare part took in all sail, but sprays latter part set main top sail & foresail steered E by S at 6 Am saw a number of whales lowered and chased them till dark got nothing

Lat 42, 21 Lon 9. 11 W

Wednesday 13th

Fare part strong breezes with rain and fog latter part light winds and bad sea on, saw whales at 3 PM going quick to windward not lowered and chased them hard could not get on

Lat 42, 9, Lon 7, 20

Thursday 14th

Fare part of this day clear and pleasant latter part foggy with rain, at 3 PM took in the main top gallant sail and jib and clewed down the topsails at 5 PM took in the fore & mizen topsails and close reefed the main topsail

Lat 42, 35. Lo 7, 15

Friday 15th

Commenced with fog ended the same middle part clear got a lunar, saw nothing; Lat 42, 23, 7. 31

Saturday 16th

Thick fog and heavy swell all this day, saw nothing p but porpoises, lost 5 pinguins overboard so ends

South Atlantic Ocean Jan 17th 1836

Tuesday 17th

This day was pleasant, that is, light wind and clear, at 6 AM saw a sail ahead, at 10 spoke her she proved to be the Xenophon of Sag Harbour, Howard master, 1100 bbls, had seen the Emerald on 15th with 700 saw he take another whale, at 2 PM saw whales and chased but could not fasten, Lat 41, 54 Lo 4, 30

Monday 18th

Fore part Good weather with a strong breeze spoke the Xenophon about 10 AM at 12 spoke the Emerald 900, boiling, at 3 PM saw whales and chased, at 6 lowered again and I got fast she run me till dark to windward out of sight of the ship and I had to cut got on board at ½ past 8 so ends Lat 41, 15, Lo 4, 20

Tuesday 19th

Fore part of this day thick fog got the gun out and fired several times at 12 oc it lift up and we saw a whale in our wake but he was off to windward other whales in sight all the afternoon chased them hard but nothing gained Lat 41, 38, Lo 4, 40

Wednesday 20th

At sunrise made all sail blowing strong, at 7 double reefed and at 8 AM took in fore and mizen topsail and close reefed the main and steered N E saw plenty of whales, to rugged to lower Lat 41, 35, Lo 5, 18

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Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Thursday Jan 21st

commenced with stiff breezes at sunrise we set double reefed topsails at 10 AM saw whales 3 of them lowered two boats and got one took her along side at 1 PM blowing heavy and very rugged saw a sail to windward she run down and spoke us she proved to be the Columbia of Sag Harbour 7 months out 1200 bbls, at 6 PM saw a dead whale but it was to rugged to think of saving her

Friday 22d

All this day blowing a gale of wind, commenced hoisting this morning could down at night saw the Xenophon hoisting at sunset blowing very heavy and a heavy sea on took in main topsail and fore topmast-stay sail

Lat 41, 43, Lon 4 W

Saturday 23d Continuation of the gale, latter part more moderate started the works again wore ship and set the main topsail wind about W by W, saw a whale three flukes off the weather quarter, saw the Xenophon head to sea off to clean her got a lemon made the Lon 5, 10, Lat 40, 50

all well so ends

South Carolina Dartmouth Lat 42, L 4 W

Sunday 24th Fair part

Gale continued with a little moderate at 6 AM began to haul ~~again~~ stow down the cod ail finished bailing at 12, AC mid good weather main top gallant sail out ended with a gale of wind from the N W Lat 41. 12, Lon 4, 23

Monday 25th

All this day a gale of wind as usual Fair part finished stowing down Latter part turned in gat a nap at ½ past 4 PM more this heading N by E so ends this day nearly, Lat 42, Lo 5, 15

Tuesday 26th

This day commenced with light winds from the NW, at daylight set double reefed topsails, and washed off with by at 7 made all sail wind light with a heavy swell, latter part wind N by E good breze, set whole watches and carried sail so ends Lat 42, Lon 4, 58

Wednesday 27th

Nothing new to day except a gale of wind with fog, saw 1 porpoise and a waggon, after breakfast took in main topsail went below and turned in at 4 PM turned up the law & wrote boat and set the main topsail with lef wind but heavy swell so ends this day, no sun

Ships South Carolina Dartmouth

Thursday 28th 1836

This day commenced with strong breezes, middle part light wind and clear latter part gale of wind, at 11 AM saw a sail ahead at 1, PM spoke her she proved to be the Acasta, Glover of Sag harbour 8 months out 1750 150 sperm, had lost her former captain (Glover) about 10 days since killed by a whale, a few days previous she lost a man by a whale, Lat 42, 14. Lon 6, 02 W

Friday 29th

This day commenced with a gale of wind, ended with light winds and a tremendeous swell saw the Acasta about 15 miles to windward, Lat 41. 30. Lon 5. 2

Saturday 30th

Good brase steering E by S, ESE

SE and S by W, with fog and clear weather alternately, saw nothing, except some porpaises, at sunset took in sail and hauled her on the wind to the eastward

Lat 41. 33 Lon 3, 50

Sunday 31st

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Fog and rain with a gale of wind saw nothing, so ends this day and month

Ship South Carolina Perry Master

February 1st 1836

This day commenced with light winds and a thick fog steering E by S at 10 Am saw a sail ahead she proved to be the Neptune of New London 1700 tuns reasons Lat by calculation 42. Lon 00

Tuesday 2d

These 24 hours light winds from the SW and W steering E by N and E by E by S, this morning saw an old casco and a large quantity of birds Lat to day by calculation 41. 20, Lon 50 E

Wednesday 3d

Fore part moderate weather steering E, at sunrise saw whales, lowered twice before breakfast got nothing, at 8 Am lowered again at 10 Am kept off E with a strong breeze from the NW at 5 PM caught a porpoise, saw a sail ahead she proved to be the James of NB Capt Tabor, had 800, To day we unbent the foresail and repaired it

Lat 40, 47. Lon 2, 30 E

Thursday 4th

Strong breezes all this day and rugged saw one whale and chased him this forenoon we unbent the mainsail and repaired it, at 3 PM spoke the James again Capt Tabor came on board and spent the afternoon so ends this day.

Lat 41, 10. Lon 2, 15

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Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Friday Feb 5th

Light winds to day with fog
fine
and, rain, at 6 Am kept off E by S
wind N W saw nothing to day except
the Panus this morning before we
kept off, The watch employed repair
-ing the main top sail that was blowed
away in the 3d of January, so ends
Lat 40, 45, Lon. 4

Saturday 6th

Fore part light winds with
some fog, this morning turned to
and broke out about 30 bbls of beef
and pork to hook off, This afternoon
we saw lots of whales and got fast
to two and drawed, by the last one
I got stove bad, so ends, this day
and our hard luck I hope
Lat 40, 16, Lon 6, 20

Sunday 7th

Light winds and clear fore
part of the day, latter part stormy
breezes and thick fog, saw lots of
whales this forenoon got nothing
after dinner lowered and took one
and cut her in, at 6 P M got up the
and set the watch began to boil
Lat 40, 30, Lon

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Monday 8th Light winds and fog all day saw a number
of whales got fast to one and drawed, missed
another so ends this day Lat, 41, Lon

South Atlantic, Feb 9th 1836, Lat 41, 10 Lon 66

Tuesday 9th

Light winds with fog and rain at 6 AM saw a large whale and gat near on and she perceived me, saw large bodies of finbacks, and plenty of feed, finished bailing at 12 OC, stowed down 50 bbls of oil left 25 or 30 bbls on deck, 20 mels

Wednesday 10th

Fore part ~~light~~ strong wind with fog, latter part light breze from the S W and clear Finished stowing down at 10 AM washed off, 2 PM saw a right whale calf not worth lowering for, at 7 PM tacked ship to the westward, Lat 40, 28. Lon 7, 2 E

Thursday 11th

Fore part clear weather wind light Latter part light winds with fog at sun rise turned up the waste boat to repair her saw a sail to leward, at 7 AM saw a whale gallied and chased him ~~the~~ saw the ship to leward take two whales, we run off and spoke her she proved to be the Liverpool Fisher 1450, 150 sperm at sunset spoke him again put some letters on board of him, Lat 41, 30

Friday 12th Light winds and pleasant weather Saw plenty of whales gat one this forenoon at two PM finished cutting this afternoon killed two more and sunk them both saw the Liverpool take a whale this afternoon, we commenced bailing at 10 OC at night

Lat 41, 40 Lon 8, 15

South Carolina of Dartmouth

Saturday Feb 13th

Commenced with a gale of wind ended the same saw a few whales but to nigged to chase them

Lat Lon

Sunday 14th

Light winds for the most part, finished boiling at 12 OC. and began to stow down at sunrise at 12, saw whales and lowered gat fast to one about 1 PM the bow boat at 5 PM cut from her, two ships in sight at sunset Lat 40. 48. L. 8, 9

Monday 15th

Light airs and calm all day, saw 1 ship called her the Liverpool, saw no whales at 6 PM did not lower for her, finished stowing down and washed off decks and rails, and changed stewards took Albert in place of Charles Smith,

Tuesday 16

Calm for the most part saw no whales, steering W, To day we unbent the foretopsail and bib and repaired them so ends [illegible] seven sick

Wednesday 17th

Fine pleasant weather all 2a 49
saw a whale about sunset lowered and chased him till dark, to day we unbent the mizen topsail repaired it

South Atlantic Ocean Feb 18th. D 1836

Thursday Fore part fogg saw a whale lowerd for him in the fog, at 10 AM it clear'd up, saw more whales this afternoon fastened to one and obtained killed and took another, saw a sail about 4 PM Called her the Liverpool Lat 40 48 Lon 9 37

Friday 19th

Strong breezes from the SW clear and cold for the most part saw no whale to day, saw a ship, at 1200 kept off SE by E, took in sail at sunset

Saturday 20th

Fine pleasant weather all day, saw one whale this morning to windward gaing quick, after breakfast we kept off SE, wind SW, at 5 PM saw a sail ahead, to day our stock of hoop was increased by 7 all in good order and well conditioned Lat 40, 13. Lon 8, 30

Sunday 21st

Strong gales, saw nothing steering E by S, Lat 40. 20. Lon 9. 17.

Monday 22d

Fore and middle part of these 24 hours gale of wind from the S at sunrise took in close reefed main topsail and set the spencer steering E by S latter part moderate made all sail, Lat 39. 40. Lon 11. 36

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South Atlantic Ocean Lat. 38. Lon 13

Tuesday Feb 23d

Strong breezes and squally steering E by E but saw nothing, the watch employed breaking out provisions and fitting cutting gear, and gromit tackling Lat 39.20. Lon 18.50

Wednesday 24th

Strong breezes from the N W all day saw nothing steering E N E Lat 38.16, Lon 17.42

Thursday 25th

Strong winds from the westward fore part, latter part gale of wind with rain and heavy squalls, took in the topsails and hove her too under the spencers at sunset sounded found no bottom in 70 fathams at 11 O C sounded again result the same Lat 35, 54, Lon 19

Friday 26th

Fore part strong breezes from W S W Latter part moderate winds from N W with a heavy swell from the westward, at sunrise saw land to leward and run for what we called Cape of Good Hope at 9 am made it out to be false cape, handed her off shore as quick as possible with all sail out To day a very large flying fish came 51 on board his extreme length was 19 inches, fins 10 inches each

Cape of Good Hope, Feb 27th 1836

Saturday

This day commenced with strong breezes from the NW at 9, AM more moderate wind SW, came N.E & saw the Cape at sunset took in main sail and jib sounded 110 fathoms no bottom hauled her on the wind to the westward so end these 24 hrs.

Lat 34, 57 Lon 18. 43

Sunday 28th

Commenced with light winds from SSE, at daylight kept of E.N.E, at 7. AM saw cape Hang Clip bearing N.N.E, at 2 PM we came to anchor in Simons bay with the wind SE blowing strong at sunset blowing a gale, We found the Emerald and Xenephon here (the former with 1100 the latter with 1300 bbls of oil) and the French frigate, which according to a report in circulation here, will soon be our enemy, We hear that war is soon to be declared between America and France, which is not very good news while within pistol shot of a French frigate

Monday 29th

March 1st Fore part strong breezes from SE latter part light breezes and calms, To day the starboard watch went ashore, capt Percy went to Cape Town,

Cape of Good Hope, Simons Bay

March 2d 1836

1st A hot sultry day with little or no wind, at daylight we took our anchors and moored the ship, after breakfast the larboard watch went ashore, the other watch cleaned ship &c

Wednesday 2d

This day wind light and variable with fog night and ~~day~~ morning the watch went ashore, to day took our anchors and moved the ship again

Thursday 3d

4th Strong breeze all day from SE starboard watch ashore larboard watch getting off provisions, This afternoon I went out with Capt Peary and took a ride on horseback, to farmer Speckes and the half way house distant about 18 m we were very handsomely entertained at both places I enjoyed myself much

Friday 4th 3d

Saturday 5th To day a gale of wind from SE larboard watch ashore as usual

Sunday 6th

Light winds and pleasant weather this morning Mr Smith and myself went over to seal island for eggs got but few To day the barque Rajah arrived in Table bay with the Cap of her former Capt, Bennet

Cape of Good Hope Simons Bay March 7th

Monday 7th

Fine pleasant weather fore part, latter part strong breezes from the S.E with every appearance of a gale of wind

Tuesday 8th

Fore part of this day a gale of wind latter part more moderate

Wednesday 9th

Strong breezes from the S.E, Arrived this afternoon the Richmond Capt Tucker 150 bbls of sperm oil, had lost 10 men and has 5 more sick of a fever caught in Antongil bay shortly after the North America of Warren came in with 1000 bbls, crew all well

Thursday 10th

Small breezes from the S.W, this morning the Richmond landed her sick

Friday 11th

Moderate winds and pleasant weather nothing particular occurred to day

Saturday 12th

Fore part calm latter part light winds, after breakfast I took a boat and went fishing and caught about 60 very nice ones, Arrived this afternoon the Lucy Ann of Wilmington De. Capt Parker 700 bbls, this afternoon had a spree on board the Emerald, about a dozen ladies from shore and as many of the other sex, at 10 O'Clock they returned ashore without loss of a single life

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Cape Of Good Hope, Simons Bay

Sunday 13th

All this day a gale of wind from the S E so ends

Monday 14th

Strong breezes to day from the S E, last night the Xenophon lost her best anchor and after fishing for 6 hours they at length saved it This morning called a survey on the Lacy Hawse fore and main mast and condemned them both they commenced striping them, at 1

Tuesday 15

This day commenced with light airs from S W and W, at 8 AM weighed anchor and got under weigh with the Emerald and Xenophon, at 12 passed the white rock having it distant 2 miles at 2 PM stowed the anchors, winds light, at sunset Cape of Good Hope bore N W by W distant 20 miles

South Atlantic Ocean Lat 34, 44

Wednesday 16th

Clear and pleasant weather with light winds from S, and S E by E course S E by S at sunrise saw the Emerald about a point off the lee bow, fleet about 3 miles off at sunset they were hull down on our weather beam This forenoon the larboard watch sent up the fore T G mast, afternoon finished the rail and bent it, and built up some births in the steerage for the boatsteerers. At 6 PM Cape point bore E by S 30 miles

Indian Ocean, March 17th D. 1836

Thursday

Good weather and fine breezes for the most part, steering S S E wind S W, at sunrise 3 ships in sight, saw lots of small fish. this afternoon stowed the chains down and filled 4 casks of water, set up the mizen topmast rigging and backstays &c.
All well so ends these 24 hours
Lat 36, 33. Lon 18, 41

Friday 18th

Commenced & ended with strong breezes from N W, steering S E by S, at 2 P M saw a whale and hauled on the wind for her she proved to be a sulpher bottom, at sunset the E and E were both in sight off the lee quarter, to-day unbent the main sail to repair sun abscured at 12 got no lat, so ends these 24 hours

Saturday 19th

Commenced with strong winds all around the compas and squally with rain, at 6 Am took T. G. sails, at 7 double reefed the topsails at 10 Am made all sail to a steady breeze from N W, steering E S E, bent the main sail &c at 4 P M unbent the main spencer to repair, at sunset the Emerald was about 2 miles astern of us, the Xenophon of the lee quarter
Lat 38, 10, Lon 22, 18

Sunday 20th, Light winds and pleasant weather all this day, steering E by S, saw the Emerald and Xenophon to leward at 3 P M lost sight of them off the lee bow 4 point Lat 37, 20 Lon 23, 26

Ship, South Carolina of Dartmouth

Monday March 21st 1887

All this day strong gales from the westward and squally at 10 am saw a large shoal of black fish, but to rugged to lower a boat no ships in sight to day Lat 36,52

Tuesday 22d

Strong breezes and squally with rain, at 6 am saw a sail ahead at 8 PM passed a large ship bound westward under easy sail, wind W.N.W. our course to day is E by S four part latter part E, this afternoon bent the main spence and got a pull on the main top gallant stay, Lat 35,30, Lon 29,41

Wednesday 23d

Fine pleasant weather, wind W.N.W four part latter part N by E steering E at 2 PM saw a sail at 5 spoke her she proved to be the Parayna of Bordeaux 28 days from the Crozetts islands with 70 tons of elephant oil, had 5 on sick men known with the scurvy we gave them some potatoes and onions and left her she was bound to Saldinna bay — Lat 34, 17, Lon 31. 19

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Thursday 24th

Four part light winds and cloudy middle part light wind with thunder & lightning took in all sail, at 1 PM made sail, strong breezes from S.W. Saw a sail Lat 32, 56. Lon 34, 8

Indian Ocean March 25th 1836

Friday 25th

Commenced with strong breezes from the SW ended the same at 7 am saw a sail bound westward at 12 saw a breach call it a sperm whale we altered our course but saw nothing more of her, at 6 PM kept her off 2 points N E by E Lat 32, 11 Lon 38, 8

Saturday 26th

This day commenced with strong breezes from the SE, steering N E by E saw nothing, latter part light winds from the E so ends this day Lat 31, 20, Lon 38, 40

Sunday 27th

Light winds and very pleasant weather all this day, wind SE variable Lat 30, 20, Lon 39, 3

Monday 28th

All this day squally with thunder and lightning wind light for the most part from SE, saw nothing Lat 29, 20,

Tuesday 29th

Fine weather all this day with the wind light from SE, saw nothing, this has been a busy day with us, we broke out between-decks and washed out and filled about 30 bbls of salt water, set up the fore rigging tapmast-de and head stays, main tapmast rigging and t.g. rigging and rove new lanyards fore and aft turned in the lee my S. topt backstays and set them up, sent up our cutting tackels, and took Stowell into the cabin Lat 28, 30, Lon 40, 25

Ship, South Carolina, Dartmouth

Wednesday March 29th

Light airs from the S all day the weather very fine, saw a lot of sharks and other smaller fish To day we set up the main rigging and sent up the mizen top gallant mast &c &c

Thursday 31st

Light winds and pleasant caught a few skipjacks, To day we fitted mizen top gallant yard and sent it up bent the sail &c Lat 28.34, Lo 40.50

Friday April 1st

Light airs from the southward all these 24 hours, saw nothing hands employed about the rigging &c

Lat 24.39, Lo 40.03

Saturday 2d

Wind light weather very warm saw a great many small fish of various kinds such as finbacks black fish porpoises dolphin albecores and skipjacks some of the last we caught Lat 23.55

Sunday 3d

Fair part calm and light airs at 6 AM spoke the Cicero Hillman M 1100 of whale 100 sperm, at 12 OC saw a log of wood with lot of fish around it lower a boat and went to it killed a shark caught a dolphin crabs &c at 3 PM saw the land bearing E. at sunset 4 ships in sight

St Augustine Bay, Madagascar April 4th 1836

Monday 4th Fine weather but very warm, at sun rise saw two ship bound in at 12 saw 4 more, at 9 Am saw sandy island, wind light, at 5½ PM came to anchor in the bay in 5 fathoms of water, A list of ships in the bay on 4th, the Marcia of Fairhaven White Bark Ny Atlantic, Reaper Salem Tuett do, Bengal do, Brandt Nb Golconda, Benjamin Palladium Nb, Shylock of Rochester Portland Nbedford

Tuesday 5th

Fine weather all day, at 2 Am sent a raft ashore to fill after breakfast went wooding at 2 PM the Emerald arrived, so ends

Wednesday 6th

Good weather hands employed getting wood and water, to day bought a bullock an killed it so ends this day

Thursday 7th

Fine weather for the most part hands employed wooding & watering, stacking &c

Friday 8th Fore part strong breezes & a heavy swell heaving in, this morning we took on board our third raft of water on board at 6 PM had it all down and decks cleared, at 6½ PM Capt Perry had company &c &c

Saturday 9th

All this day light winds and warm at daylight the Brandt got under weigh and went out, at 3 PM the Regal arrived

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Sunday April 10th 1836

All this day pleasant weather wind strong fore & latter part at 4 PM arived ship Two Brothers Easthan of Bedford 320 bbls 60 sperm, so ends

Monday 11th

Strong breezes for the most part hands employed wooding at 11, Asa Joseph Lee had his leg broke by the falling of a tree, we procured medical assistance and it is now in a fair way to get well soon, at 10 PM one of our boatsteerers cut his foot badly and he is laid up, so ends this day of accidents and calamity

Tuesday 12th this day strong breezes hands employed wooding and watering took our last raft of water on board at 10 OC. and got all our wood where we can get it at low water if we like

Wednesday 13th

Good weather &c with land & sea breezes as usual, at daylight called all hands and got our wood on board &c at 4 PM arived ship James of NB 1100 — so ends

Thursday 14th

Light winds for the most part at 2 AM got under weigh from augustine bay at sunrise sandy island bore S distant 3 miles, cleared Reaper and Portland at 6 PM spoke the Reaper

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Mozambique Channel April 15th 1836

Friday 15th

Light winds and clear weather &c &c saw two sail at sunset saw whales of some kind but could not make out what they were Lat 23. 54 Lon 42. 38

Saturday 16th

Fore part of this day light winds latter strong from the S with lightning, at 12 OC spoke the John & Edward of New Bedford Loudon bound into the bay Lat 24, 11 Lon 42. 30

Tuesday 17th

This day a gale of wind SE strong heading W.S.W. under double reefed topsails at 1 PM spoke the Reaper, took in the fore & main topsails &c and hove too for the night blowing strong with a heavy swell on Lat 24, 3 Lon 40, 59

Monday 18th

Fore part strong winds under double reefed topsail with a heavy swell at 3 PM two ships hoped us to windward about 7 miles off, to day all hands cleaning shells at 6 PM Spoke the Reaper Capt Perry went on board at 9 returned, This evening we were highly entertained by a few tricks of slight of hand by a fellow who learnt his trade of Potter, Lat 24, 22 Lon 40, 7

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Tuesday 19th Light wind and calm all day, 3 Ships in sight this morning unbent the fore sail and main top Gt sail to repair Lat 23 47, Lon 40. 58

Ship South Carolina off Dartmouth

Wednesday 20th

Light winds and calm all this day & very warm, got the turning lathe up and rigged it, and rigged an awning over it, this morning sent up the foresail and unbent main topsail to repair, saw a few blackfish going quick and struck a porpoise at 4 PM saw a sail, at sunset took in sail as usual so ends the day, Lat 23. 14. Lon 40. 46

Thursday 21st

Strong breezes for the most part from the S steering N by E saw part latter part on the same heading W by S, plenty of fish and birds around us to day caught some of the farmer, this morning we killed a tenpin for dinner, at 11 AM sent up the main topsail and bent it set the main T gail repaired the scuttle butt and replaced it after supper I made a bet with Mr Smith of a dozzin cigars, it is to be decided when we get home Lat 22, 23, Lon

Mr Wyatt Witness

Friday 22d

Strong breezes all this day at 6 AM the Reaper passed us to windward about 3 miles we were steering and stood after her at 8 AM she raised whales a few minutes after we saw them too and lowered and chased them 'till 2 PM when Stowell got fast to a large cow she took his line Mr Smith fastened to her and cleared the last both line and whale, got on board about ½ past 3 PM and killed her

Saw Sperm Whales

Lat 22, 19
Lon 40, 28

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Mozambique Channel April 23d 1836

Saturday 23

Light breezes and calm all this day, at daylight two ships in sight at 9 AM spoke the Galconda of Bristol, Capt Chase came on board and spent the day. Mr Smith went there, saw nothing, we got 3 lunar observations, but neither agreed with the chronometer, Lat 22.26, Lon 40.15, Chronometer 40.57 Lunar

Sunday 24th

Light winds for the most part saw nothing, like whales 1 ship in sight, 10 ends Lat 22.36 Lon 39.48

Monday 25th

Fine moderate weather all day, at daylight saw an appearance like land it proved to be false, This morning the carpenter began making a flyjib boom out of a topsail yard we bought ½ of Capt Cushman of the Marcia, at 4 PM spoke the Galconda again Capt Perry went on board of her and spent the evening Mr Swain came here, brought a bag of indian meal in exchange for barley, Lat 22.40 Lon 39.35

Tuesday 26th

Light winds, fore part had a smart shower of rain, saw no whales two ships in sight all looking for the island, and whales, finished the flyjib boom but did not rig it out, this afternoon had some thunder and lightening at 3 PM killed a hog 10 ends Lat 22.33 Lo 40.19

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Ship South Carolina, Extract

Wednesday April 27th

All this day light winds and calm, the watch employed tarring down the rigging &c saw two ships so ends Lat 22. Lon

Thursday 28th

This day wind light as usual saw a finback and 3 ships starboard watch employed tarring larboard watch rigged out the flyjib boom bent the sail and set it Lat 22.

Friday 29th

Calm for the most part two ships in sight finished tarring to day for these 3 days past I have been unwell this morning I took some physic Lat 22 20 Lon, 41. 14

Saturday 30th

For part of this day light winds latter, brisque breezes with a heavy swell saw two ships, this afternoon killed a lot of tenefin for all hands,

Lat 22. 30. Lon 41

Sunday 31st alias May 1st

All this fine breezes and very pleasant weather saw nothing of consequence, this afternoon we caught a small bird bird, and killed a shark at 4 P M tacked ship and stood to the N E still looking for the island, Lat 22,38, Lon 40. 23

Mozambique Channel May 2d 1836

Monday May 2d

Fine weather with fine breaes from N W fore part latter part strong from the S saw nothing steering to the eastward, to day made a pair of crotchet yard, and a chart box for the old man, at noon the cook was taken sick at dark the steward was also taken with a violent pain in their bowels we gave each of them a portion of castor oil and stowed them away, to day Lee went on deck for the first time since he ~~has~~ was hurt in the bay

Lat 22.56, Lon 39.56

Tuesday 3d

All this day strong gales with rain thunder and lightning, and heavy squals saw nothing in sight all day, this afternoon the Capt & the Mate were taken sick with pains &c so ends this day, no lat or lon to day by obs

Wednesday 4th

All this day a gale of wind from S our sick ones are all convalescent I believe saw nothing to day, took in close reefed main topsail twice and reefed the spanker

Lat 22,37. Lon 38, 24

Thursday 5th

Mor moderate to day with a heavy swell saw nothing, at 10 PM set double reefed top sail and jib, this afternoon got a distance but it was to long for the almanack Lat 22.53 Lon 37.54

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Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Friday May 6th

Moderate weather all this day at 9 am set top-gallant-sails, had a false alarm for whales, proved to sea brakes To day we fitted a spritsail yard &c, all well to day but the Smith who has the complaint we have all had Lat 22, 58, Lon 37, 05

Saturday 7th

Strong breeres all this day saw nothing finished the spritsail yard, and killed a hog, this afternoon we had an increase of eight hogs, Steering W S W got a lunar at 10 am made the Lon 38, 43 at 4 P M wore ship and stood to the eastward in hopes soon to see the island

Lat 23, 37, Lon by Chro 36, 47

Sunday 8th

All this day strong breares from S. E. saw nothing, to day the old man made a lot of sausages, very good ones this afternoon we got a lunar made the lon 38, 56, Lon by chron 37, 16. Lat 23, 30

Monday 9th

Strong breeres all day and pleasant weather saw some porpoises, To day we a wheel to make small rigging with &c this afternoon rigged the blacksmiths forge sent down the main spence gaft and rail to repair the goose neck, Lat 21, 21, 47

Lon 39, 50

Mozambique Channel May 10th D 1836

Tuesday 10th Moderate winds and pleasant weather saw nothing but a few reeds indications of land I think, This morning the old man went to work at the blacksmiths forge, and made a goose-neck for the main spencer gaff &c at 11 am we bent the rail, and got a lunar made the Lon 39. 3. by chro 37.36 Lat 21. 55

Wednesday 11th

Light winds to day saw nothing hands variously employed about the rigging &c got a lunar made the lon 39.12, by chro 37.38

Thursday 12th

Fine moderate weather all this day saw nothing as usual, to day fitted a new set of fattick shrouds to the fore topmast rigging &c, the old man busily employed rigging a waggon fancy

Lat 22.15. Lon 39.43

Friday 13th

Commenced and ended with very fine weather, saw a sail to windward steering to the eastward, in order to make the island I suppose, at sunset we took in T.G. sails, standing quater watches as usual, all well but Lee. Lat 22, 27, L 40.25

Saturday 14th

Light winds as usual, saw a few porpoises, this afternoon Mr Smith turned in the fore topmast backstays &c so ends Lat 22. 1

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Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Sunday 15th Fore part of this day had the wind light from the S as usual latter part stronger breezes saw large quantitys of porpoises at 11 AM tacked ship twice for a shoal of killers which we took to be sperm whales, at 2 PM we made the long sought island of Bajas De India bearing S by W distant about 5 leagues at sunset took in T G sails and set whole watches Lat 22.19. Lon by Chronometer 40.37

Monday 16th

Fine weather and pleasant weather good breezes and strong breezes at sunrise saw the island bearing W S W distant about 8 miles at 9 AM being close Capt Berry and myself went ashore procured a lot of fish caught one turtle, at 5 PM the Smith and Wyatt went ashore to spend the night and turn turtle were ship and stood to the eastward, so ends

Tuesday 17th

Commenced with strong breezes and an appearance of a storm, at sunrise saw the Island bearing W by N we run in and at 8 am Capt P went ashore, at 4 PM boats returned with a few fish and 3 turtle apiece at ½ past 4 made all sail and stood to the Eastward till sunset, took in fore & mizen topsail doubled reefed the main All well but somewhat tired, so ends this day

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Cruising for Sperm Whales In Mozambique Channel

Wednesday May 18th 1836

This day commenced with strong breezes and thick weather saw turtles called them finbacks, This morning we killed a turtle found it very good eating, Ship on the round standing to the eastward, all well but Lee so ends Lat 21. 47. Lon 41. 24

Thursday 19th

Light airs and calm all this day after breakfast sent down the foretopsail and repaired it at sunset sent it up again took in topgallant-sails double reefed the topsails, set the watch, &c It is now 4 past 6 I have done writing, and for the want of better employment I will give the old man a sunset in other words play a game of chegers

Lat 21. 38. Lon 41. 40

Friday 20th

This day light winds and calm all day This morning we came up with the mizen rigging and fitted the ends and set it up again saw several sharks, so ends, Lat 21. 34 Lon 41. 45

Saturday 21st

Fine pleasant weather nothing in sight but sharks, This morning sent the fore topmast stay sail and spanker to repair at 4 P.M sent them again, broke out for water & dry apples, got an observation of the sun and moon made the Lon 40. 47

Lat 22. 06 Lon by Chron 41. 35

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Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Sunday 22d

Soft this day light winds from the S, saw nothing, this afternoon saw the moon and got a lunar, Lat 22.38, Lon 41.13

Monday 23d

Strong breezes to day from the S steering S W, at 1 P M saw a sail on our weather quater tacked ship & and stood for, at 3 P M spoke her she proved to be the Portland of NewBurg Capt Cook with 75 bbls this season saw the Xenophon astern with 140, heard from the Ceres Hillman 300 of sperm General Pike 400, got off Port Dauphin, South Carolina nothing as yet; to much nullification I suppose

Lat 22, 44, Lon 42, 25

Tuesday 24th

Strong breezes to day steering N E for the most part, saw a breach this afternoon called it a sperm whale, saw no more of it, saw a sail this afternoon called her the Xenophon, This morning the watch spread down the weather mizen rigging and commenced rattling, turned the mizen top gallant backstays out of the deadeyes, and set them up on the end, At sunset killed a turtle took in fore and mizen topsail &c so ends Lat 23, Lon 42, 47

Wednesday 25th

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Strong breezes to day carrying whole topsails steering to the Westward at 10 P M saw a sail at 5 spoke her, the Xenophon Lat 22, 09, Lon 41, 30

Looking For Whales in the Mozambique Channel

Thursday 26th May

Nothing to day as usual, wind light with a small shower of rain towards night; saw the Xenophon this morning last night of her about 12 Oc standing to the southward, this afternoon finished rattling down the mizen rigging &c Lat 22. 04. Lon 42

Friday 27th

Saw nothing it seemes as though we should not se any more whales in this channel for my part I am almost discouraged, I should like to have a change of work for myself and watch we have done nothing but work on the rigging 'till we have hardly got any thing left to work with, Lat 21. 25. Lo 41. 12

Saturday 28th

This morning we saw whales, thought we were going to have something to do, but they proved to be humpbacks or sulphur bottoms blowing strong took in T G sails and double reefed the topsails took in mainsail and jib, had some rain and pretty hard squalls, Lat 21. 18. 41. 15

Sunday 29th

Strong breezes, saw nothing carried whole topsails all day at night double reefed so ends this day Lat 21. 40. Lon 41. 53

Monday 30th

Calm for the most part saw nothing but a shoal of porpoises, this morning commenced caulking the ship, hands employed picking oakum &c, Lat 21. 49. Lon 41. 08

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Tuesday 31st of May D 1836

This day strong breezes from the S hands busily employed picking acorn &c this morning we killed a turtle, this afternoon we had a heavy squall of wind and rain, it struck us about ½ past one lasted till near night we took in all sail and laid off before the wind at 6 PM set double reefed topsail Course W.S.W. Lat 22 50 Lon 40. 54

Wednesday June 1st

Strong breezes and clear weather a heavy swell on saw nothing did nothing but sail the ship Lat 22. 52, Lon 40. 18

Thursday 2d

Last part of this day strong breezes fore part light winds and fair weather saw nothing to day hands employed variously some picking acorn some making leading boards &c Lat 23, 02 Lon 40. 02

Friday 3d Strong breezes this afternoon saw Ha[illegible] saw a finback this morning, after breakfast began caulking the ship outside found her very open Lat 22. 52. Lon 32 04

Saturday 4th

Gale of wind and nothing done got a lunar this morning made the lon 42. 12. Lat 22. 43 T3

Mozambique Channel May 5th 1835

Sunday 5th

Strong breezes for the most part, from the S, saw nothing, this morning killed two pigs &c Got a distance of the sun & moon made the Langitude 39. 27. Lat 22.54

Monday 6th

Laight breezes for the most part of the day from the S, saw nothing Hands variously employed in caulking packing up shooks, I have been repairing the line stages &c Got a lunar this morning made the Lan 39. 11. Lat 23. 12

Tuesday 7th

All this day strong breezes saw lots of speckled-hog fish, the watch employed packing shooks, working at the lathe &c at sunset took in sail as usual, and hulled a turtle so ends this day

Lat 23. 15, Lo 38. 10

Wednesday 8th

Light and strong breezes alternately with occasional showers, at sunrise saw a shoal of blackfish lowered all 4 boats did not get fast after breakfast saw them again lowered 3 boats got within dart but did not darten, came on board and here was land all plain in sight made it out to be Cape Corientes, our chronometer is bad not to be trusted. At 2 PM saw a large breach several times tacked ship and run for it without success Lat 23 44. Lo 37. 29

Ship South Carolina Of Dartm.

Thursday 9th June

Light winds for the most part at 8 AM. saw some blackfish lowerd 3 boats got nothing, At sunrise saw the land stood in pretty handy and tacked ship at 11 AM and stood to the southward, watches employed overhauling shook heds breaking out between decks caulking &c Lat 24. 09, Lon 36.44

Friday 10th

Good weather and light winds saw a large quantity of blackfish did not lower, Hands employed picking oakum caulking &c at 2 PM saw a sail steering to the northward Lat 24. 50. Lon 36. 07

Saturday 11th

Fine weather light winds, saw a great many porpoises and blackfish at sunset there were 5 ships in sight all manuvering for blackfish or whales Hands employed variously, cooper setting up new shooks Mr Smith & Stowell finished caulking Lat 25. 37, Lon 36, 57

Sunday 12th Fine weather winds light 5 ships in sight saw lots of blackfish lowerd 1 boat got nothing, At 10 Am Capt Perry went on board the Reaper Isaac 75 from the Lalla Rook and of the Lop of Capt Howland, what will come next Lat 26. 35. Lon 37. 16

Mozambique Channel June 13th 1836

Monday 13th

Good weather with strong breezes saw lots of humpbacks and finbacks saw the Rajah this morning steering E at 9 Am steering W. 9 PM saw the Phocian at 10 spoke her Capt Percy went on board and spent the day the Toby came here, at 4 PM saw a breach went aloft and lost my hat so ends Lat 27. 29. Lon 36. 00

Tuesday 14th

Fine pleasant weather lost sight of the Phocian at 11 Am steering to the Eastward our course has been to the westward, hands employed fitting a burden over the after hatch in order to break out oil and cook it, at 3 PM saw a very large school of sperm whales going quick to the westward lowered all 6 boats and chased them 'till dark got nothing as usual Lat 27. 43 Lon 35. 15

Wednesday 15th

Light winds and pleasant weather with a heavy swell on, saw lots of humpbacks At sunrise commenced breaking out oil in the after hold at 4 PM had it all down heaving broke out and coopered towards 100 Bbls Shifted the tackle over the main hatch all ready for tomorrow, so ends Lat 27. 50 Lon 34. 24

Thursday 16th

Strong breezes an heavy sea, saw lots of humpbacks and finbacks, to rugged to breake out this afternoon killed two pigs, Lat 28. 08. Lon 34. 3

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth.

Friday June 17th 1836

Strong breezes and muggy saw every thing but the right kind of fish To day we fitted a set of paddles on boats &c Lat 28.16. Lon 35.44

Saturday 18th 1836

First day strong breezes fore part saw nothing turned all the reefs out of the topsails at 10 Am at 11 had a heavy squall of wind and rain which terminated in a gale from S W took in all sail & set the spencer

Lat 27. 38. L. 36.

Sunday 19th

Strong gales all this day set double reefed topsails steering E, saw nothing this morning we killed a sheep &c

Lat 26. 24. Lon 34. 33

Monday 20th

Light winds and heavy swell saw nothing worth lowering for, This morning, took the ceiling out of the waste boat put in some new timbers nailed her over painted her &c

Lat Lon

Tuesday 21st

Light winds saw nothing finished the waste boat put the cruft in &c hands employed picking akum, mostly got a turn this afternoon Lat 25; Lon 38.2

Mozambique Channel June 22d 1836

Wednesday 22d

Strong breezes all day saw nothing steering E with whole topsails out, Hands employed picking oakum, Lee went forward

Lat 24, 31 Lon 38. 50

Thursday 23d

Light winds, and weather Good saw a whale spout this morning 3 miles off could not make out what she was, This afternoon saw a breach 5 miles to windward To day all hands employed breaking out and coopering oil to the amount of 20 casks

Lat 23, 39, Lon 39, 40

Friday 24th

Light winds and smooth, saw nothing To day finished cooppering our oil. Broke out the after hold and stowed of again So ends another day, Lat 23, 26. Lon 39, 55

Saturday 25th

Strong breezes for the most part of this day, Saw whales and run for them proved to humpbacks, this afternoon killed a pig and caught a porpoise &c All well so ends

Lat 22, 57 Lon 41, 50

Sunday 26th

Fare part strong breezes latter part light saw nothing, This morning tacked ship and stood to the southward, at sunset tacked to the eastward wind SE, This evening got the distance of the moon from the star Spica

Lon 42, 20. Lat 23, 46

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Ship South Carolina, off Dartmouth

Monday June 27th 1836

All this day good weather wind light, steering S.S.E wind S.W, standing whole watches employed picking ahum, painting the rails and one of the boats over head

Lat 23.40 Lon 42.51

Tuesday 28th

Good weather saw two ships spoke them they proved to be Emeralds and Florenza, at 10 AM saw the land about 30 miles to the southward of the bay hauld off to the southward

Wednesday 29th

Good weather for the most part wind to the southward At 1 P.C. wore ship and stood off at 3 stood in at sunrise made sail, inland wind light at 12 AC came to anchor in 5 fathoms of water muddy bottom in company with the E-d and F-a

Thursday 30

Fine weather one boat went washing one went ashore to burn a coal pit, the rest caulking &c all well so ends

Friday July 1st

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Fine weather hands employed washing caulking &c This afternoon arrived Ships Galconda and Gd Hunter

St Augustine Bay July 2d 1836

Saturday

Fore part fine weather wind light
To day hecheled a raft of casks, some
hands caulking &c Carried ships Java
Smith & right whales 360 Penn South-
America Brinel 50 bbls in the channel
Portland Cook 125 in channel, Palladium
125 in channel

Sunday 3d

Fore part strong breezes and
squally from the N W & attended with
a very heavy swell, rain thunder and
lightning, let go the second anchor
&c. Middle part moderate and pleasant
a number of boats went ashore at Tent
rock to a funeral of Prince Ville, they
put him in the coffin to day and killed
a bullock &c to morrow they finish the
ceremony, Spent the day on board the Hope

Monday 4th of July anniversary of the American
independence, Fine pleasant weather
At sunrise commenced firing guns from
every ship at intervals of 5 mints, and
set the colors &c The Capts went ashore
to finish the funeral, got a large bullock
for their trouble. This afternoon arrived
ship Atlantick Cooper, 130bbls in Channel

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Tuesday 5th. Pleasant weather &c at 2 OC this morn
went ashore and got a raft of water got alongside
at 6, This afternoon arrived ship Marguerite St Johns

Ship South Carolina Darien

July 6th 1836

Fine weather, land & sea breezes as usual, At 5 AM went ashore got a raft of water, returned at 9 took the water in and stowed it away Arrived this afternoon Ship James Taber 60 bbls in channel

Thursday 7th

Good weather, After breakfast we went wooding with two boats One of the Rouges crew cut his foot very bad it was dressed by a docter from the Atlantic

Friday 8th

All this day employed cutting and boating of wood, Arrived this afternoon barque Lord Sidney Lo no ail, but some news

Saturday 9th

Fine weather, wind very light Hands employed stowing away wood scraping painting &c this morning got a load of wood, and weighed the anchor So ends

Sunday 10th

Pleasant weather & all hands ashore to day that wanted to go, except the Falcondas fellers they got a raft of water, just to work them up a little

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Monday 11th Got a raft of water and a bullock, starboard watch ashore on liberty, Arrived barque Reliance. 84 days from London, blacked our bends on our side

Augustine Bay July 12th D 1836

Tuesday 12th

Fine weather, larboard watch ashore, starboard watch Blackfish Sands &c

Wednesday 13th

Weather good, land breeze light, this morning I went down to sandy island got a few spells &c Mr Hudson was with us, The larboard watch painted the starboard side up to the nail, This afternoon arrived the Barque Rajah 40 bbls in channel, all well so ends

Thursday 14th

Fine weather strong breezes, To day finished painting the larboard side and got two bullock, killed one, so ends

Friday 15th

Strong land breezes all day, To day my watch on shore, I went and played ball & went on the reef in Company with Mr Hudson, Clarke & Andrews, got nothing of consequence. This afternoon arrived ship Bengal Capt Nicker, by her I received a letter from my dear father & mother I expected another (by so convenient an opportunity) from one nearer and dearer than father or mother but no she has forgotten me or perhaps is better employed than writing to one, she thinks so little about, all the rest have letters two or three from their friends and relations, I think it is very hard but I will pay them in their own coin and save my paper and quills for a better purpose

Received letter from my father & Mother

Ship South Carolina, Dartmouth

Saturday July 16th 1836

Land breezes strong all day This morning I went on board the Bengal and overhauled her letter bag in hopes of finding a letter from Mary Ann, but nothing there could find I came on board and cheated the cad of disappointment all day now I must swallow it although a bitter pill

Sunday 17th

Strong land breezes all day till 5 PM. at 7 PM land breeze again, This morning I went ashore to tent-rock and played ball returned and spent the evening on board the Hanque, had a good time

Monday 18th

Light airs to day for the most part, This morning I went ashore with 2 muskets to buy bullock did not succeed at 11 AM went in and got 6 bbl of rain after dinner went up the river to cut some iron-poles and get a bullock in the last I succeeded, while I was gone to trade for the bullock, the natives came down and overpowered the man that that was cutting the poles and took away his axe and cleared with it into the woods

Tuesday 19th

Fine pleasant weather land & sea breze light, This morning 5 boats of us went to sandy island had a good time & returned safe

St Augustine Bay, Madagascar July 20th

Wednesday 20th July 1836

Fine weather and moderate breezes At 12 OC the Golconda's boat fastened to a humpback not far from the ships the men them pretty well out of the bay and the line parted so ended that scrape, Arrived this afternoon the Phocion Capt Barnes 2400 bbls in chan[nel] This evening they have a spree on board the Rougua, This morning we had a scrape with the negroes an account of an ape the Rajah boat, while her boats were all off towing a raft of water, we got the ape and a large bullock to boot so ends

Thursday 21st

Fine weather strong breezes, This forenoon I turned on and repaired my boat, this afternoon went gaming, so ends the day

Friday 22d

Stong breezes and cloudy, At 5 AM started 3 boats and got a raft of water, took it in and got breakfast at the usual hour 7 AM This afternoon Arrived Ships Xenophon Capt Raley 200 bbls in channel, And the Bayard Capt Miller 20 bbls in channel, both of them chased whales this morning

Saturday 23d

Stong gales from the S E with rain squalls all day. All hands to day employed fitting the ship for sea, sent down the fore and Mizen T G yards, rigged in the fly jib boom &c Arrived this afternoon the Atlas of Lynn from Delagoa bay with 1 right whale, had lost an anchor

Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

July 24th Sunday

This day commenced with a fine breeze from S E, at daylight got under weigh from Augustine bay in company with the Emerald, Java Golconda & Hougua, all bound to St Pauls, at 10, 0C, Sunday inland Isle E by S distant about 10 miles, we took 2 reefs in the topsails shortly after took in the jib and mainsail, at 4 PM took in fore and mizen topsails close reefed the main blowing heavy and a high sea on at sunset the E. D & S. D were a little ahead the Hougua and Java were astern

Monday 25th

Strong breezes with rain squalls all day, a heavy sea going, all 4 ships in sight between squalls, after breakfast we sent down all three T G masts, unbent the Spanker and bent the close mizen shooked the scuttle butt &c &c

Tuesday 26th

Strong breezes and squally, [illegible] on and fitted the main top gallant mast at 4 P M fell in with the Ceres 2d Capt Barker, 360 bbls sperm bound into the bay for wood & water, we went on board of him found them all well, Capt B had just got over a severe fit of sickness occasioned by a fever caught at Zanzibar

Mozambique Channel, south End of Madagascar

Wednesday 27

Strong breaes and squally with rain went on board of the Ores and took breakfast got some books, and a cask of bread in exchange for 6 harpoons, at 10 Am we left them, wore around and made all sail steering S, killed a bullock and sent a quater of it on board the Hougua, Capt Mosher came back in the boat and spent the afternoon

Thursday 28

Fine pleasant weather all day, sent up the main top gallant mast, & set up the head stays. This afternoon the Hougua run down and spoke us Capt P— went on board and took tea, Mr Taber came here, Lat 26. 52, Lo 43. 15

Friday 29th

These 24 hours for the most part calm To day we unbent the mainsail maintopsail main T Gsail foresail & foretopsail and bent our new ons, Put the barbaund quater boat on the cranes and got the bow boat all ready to go out, at 3 P M Capt Mosher came on board brought Mr Hudson, Mr Smith went there, All hands all day Lat 27. 09 Lon 43. 10

Saturday

Fore part calm latter part light breze

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all hands employed mending sails, repairing boats painting &c. At 3 P M Capt Perry went on board the H— a Lat 27. 40. Lon 43. 00

Ship South Carolina Dartmouth

Sunday 31st 1836

Light winds and calm, saw lots of humpbacks and finbacks, At 11 Am Capt Mosher came on board and spent the day. Steering S S E, at 4 PM larboard watch on deck, Mr Wyatts left he did not go, but sent a foremast hand which was contrary to orders they had some hard words about it which ended in his discharge from his office Liquise his place in the cabin for a birth in the steerage Stowel leaves his boat and Sherman takes his place in the cabin, so ends this day

Lat 28, 00 Lon 42. 24

Monday August 1st

Fine weather and light breezes, The watches employed mending sails, this afternoon I painted my boat inside, the old man painted his outside at 4 P M he went on board the Hanguea so ends this day Lat 28. 05, Lon 42. 30, Course SE

Tuesday 2d

Fore part of this day squally with rain, latter part thick weather wind light, Steering S E by E at 4 P M saw a whale that acted like a right whale with irons in her, going to the N very quick, At 4 P M Capt Mosher came on board, as usual, Lat 28. 10 Lon 43. 00

South Atlantic Ocean August 3d

Wednesday

Light wind from the S, saw nothing to day worth noteing except a gony and other right whale birds, watch employed fitting boats repairing old sails &c This morning we put the new boat on the starboard cranes took the old one in and put 4 new streaks into her on one side, to morrow we have got as many more to put into her, The cooper has been to work to day makeing a new scuttle but

Thursday 4th

Lat 27, 53, Lon 44. 20

Fore part wind light latter part more wind from the E, Saw a sail this morning bound to the E, nothing strange took place to day, the watch employed scrinshanking about deck makeing thol pins and mats &c At 4 PM Spoke the Hanguan Capt Parent on board returned at ½ past 7

Friday 5th

Lat 28. 10. Lon 45. 00

Fine pleasant weather wind light from the Eastward, saw lots of finbacks We unstocked the best bower anchor to day and cut a fore stay sail out of an old fil placed the new scuttle but and filled it set up the mizen topmast backstays &c &c

Saturday 6th

Lat 28. 59. Lon 44. 31. E

Light wind with some fog, saw nothing we killed two pigs to day, this afternoon we unbent the mizen top sail and repaired it

Lat 30. Lon 45. 50

Ship South Carolina 1836

Sunday 7th

Strong breezes from S.E. steering S.W. saw nothing at 2 P.M. spoke the Hanguea Lat 30.55 Lon 46.58

Monday 8th

Stron breezes from S.W steering S.E. saw nothing but birds, Hanguea not in sight, This morning all hands forward refused their duty in consequence of being kept up in their watch below for two or three days past to work them up for a mutinous expression uttered by one of them who the rest refused to tell of, This morning after a long talk the man acknowledged his fault was punished, and the watch went below Lat 31.53. Lon 50.30

Tuesday 9th

Strong breezes and squally saw nothing, This forenoon we fitted new futtock shrouds to the T.G rigging Course by compas S.E wind S.S.W. Nothing occured to day to disturb the tranquility of the ship, To day I commenced reading a book called a voice from St Helena in 2 vols I like it much it was written by his surgeon Barry O. Meara, Esq., while officially employed about his person during his exile

Lat 32.20. Lon 53,50 E

South Atlantic Ocean, Aug 10th, 1836 Lat 32. Lon 53

Wednesday 10th

All this day light baffling winds, saw nothing, At daylight trimmed the reefs out of the topsails Steering SE by S with the wind to the southward, and a heavy swell from the westward, The watch employed making sinnet The old man began a pyramid of shells had a couple of hands employed cleaning and grinding shells, To day we had a case of Augustine sickness the only case we have had since we came out this time, Lat 32.40. Lon 54.30

Thursday 11th

Strong and light breezes with rain in squalls from the S and cold at 6h 0c this morning saw a whale called it a right whale or Sperm we run for her and hauled aback she proved to be a humpback, Course to day SSE wind SSW, Hands employed much the same as yesterday, at sunset put two reefs in the topsails. To day I commenced a hat for my father one that I think will be comfortable in a hot summers day about the rate work

Lat 32.39.s Lon 56.00 E

Friday 12th

Light winds for the most part, now and then a squall from SE, at 4. AM made all sail heading E at 2 PM tacked ship headed SSE at 4 PM killed a lot of tenepin for to manow to day we made a new rice bench put it up aft on the starboard side, Lat 32.34 Lon 57.50

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Ship South Carolina. Penyt.

Saturday 13th august 1836

All this day light airs from the eastward steering S E by S, saw nothing. Hands variously employed mustering Spanyarn, Sinnet, grinding shells &c This fraenoon we came up with the main T G rigging and catharpened in the topmast rigging, This afternoon the Smith shifted ends with the jibstay so that it now sets up down alongside the foremast, This day we are 1 year from home with only 500 bbls of whale oil, God only knows when another year will find us, Last night I had a remarkable dream saw my wife and her father, she a washing, he handling his son, an infant about two months old Whoever reads this days work will laugh same and well they may, Lat 33. Lon 58. 6

Sunday 14th

Light wind and very pleasant weather saw nothing, steering S.S.E. wind N. This afternoon I got out my shells and washed and dried them, At 1 P.M lowered a boat and tried the current found it setting to the N E, 1 knot One man sick we think he has the jaundice he complains of a severe headache and is very sleepy his pisin looks as though it was stained in saffron, eyes the

Lat 33.34 Lon 58.40

Southern Ocean August 15th D. 1836,

Monday 15th

Was a fine warm pleasant day with a fine breeze from NW steering S.E. saw nothing. Hands variously employed about the rigging &c This afternoon we ~~set~~ set up the main stay Lat 34° 21's Lon 59° 25' 30" E

Tuesday 16th

Fine Strong breezes all this day from N. steering S E by E, saw a whale this forenoon and kept off for her, proved to be a humpback saw lots of right whale feed and some birds, Hands employed geting out stuff for belaying pins, some making gaskets &c, Got a lunar this afternoon made the longitude about 62° Lat 35. 25

Wednesday 17th

Strong breezes from the N weather good, saw nothing, steering E by S. ½ S, at 8. AM took in main T G sail. at 1. PM got a lunar, made the Lon 65. 14. Lat 36. 04. To day Wyatt came on duty the same as a fore-mast-hand, So ends this day

Thursday 18th

Light winds with thick and rainy weather saw nothing except porpoises, Lat 36. 22. Lon 68. 45

Friday 19th

Fine breze all this day and good weather saw some spurians whales and porpoises Steering S E a S E by E wind from the N. This afternoon killed some tenakin for all hands This morning 2 oc we lost a barrel of molases the dogs turned the cock, Got a lunar at 2 PM Lon 71. 14 Lat 37. 16

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Ship South Carolina. Benj. Dartmouth

Saturday 20th August 1836

Strong breres for the most part of these 24 hours, Saw a great many whale birds to day and some porpoises Steering E S E Wind from the south, Sat a lunar this afternoon made the lon 74.14 Lat 37.41 if this breze holds we expect to make the island of St Pauls to morrow afternoon about 4 P M distant from 30. to 40 miles

Sunday 21st

Fore part thick weather latter part more clear steering S E by E fine breze at 12 at 10 A M saw a dead whale and run for her she proved to old, we however saved about 30 fathoms of good line and an iron marked H. T. for the ships name we know of no such ship here it was a Bedford iron N. Taber. make and patent line. At 2 P M we made the island of Amsterdam 4 points on the weather bow we hauled up for it, at sunset stood off &

Monday 22d

Commenced with a gale of wind from the N at daylight the island was off our lee beam distant about 5 miles we kept off under double reefed close topsails and run down to leeward of it saw a great number of whales to much wind to lower a boat, at 12 OC more moderate but to far from land to see whales, saw two ships to leeward working up under easy sail

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Amsterdam Island August 23d 1836

Tuesday 23 Commenced with strong breezes ended with a gale of wind from the N. under close reefed main top sail and spencer at 2 P.M. passed to leeward of a dead whale apparently about 3 days old, at sunset the land bore N E distant 25 miles

Wednesday 24

Gale of wind fore and middle part latter part more moderate, This afternoon we killed our bullock, and stood in for the land, at sunset the land bore N E by E distant about 8 miles, Lee got a draft of the island bearing N E, at 2 P.M. distant about 5 miles

Thursday 25th

A continuation of bad weather, saw a ship this morning standing in for the land, at 12 OC blowing heavy we took main sail (close reefed) and fore and mizen topsails close reefed the main and reefed the foresail, so ends

Friday 26th strong

breezes from the northward, under close reefed fore and mizen topsails double reefed main, stood in for Amsterdam 'till 12 OC then wore around and stood off 'till sunset, saw 3 ships the American Capt Gifford Two Brothers Capt Eastham, The latter we spoke at 2 P.M. Capt E. came on board, said he had cut 13 whales here since the 1st of May reported the Marcia 18 whale, has left on account of bad rudder, stood in till 7 P.M. then stood off under

Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Saturday Aug 27th 1836

Commenced in my watch on deck, I came up at 11. O.C. found the ship under close reefed fore and mizen topsails double reefed main, and the spencers at ½ past 1 close reefed the main topsail blowing strong, at 2 took in fore and mizen topsail, at ½ past 2 the fore tack parted and staysail sheets, saved the fore sail, last the staysail took in the main topsail got the boats up to the davit heads at 3. O.C. my watch below, from that time 'till daylight we met with a heavy loss in the bow and waste boat together with nearly all their craft, and had the quarter boats stove tuning of them up, last the spanker and the mast, at 7 AM it was blowing a tremendeous gale of wind from the north the sea running mountains high, and St Pauls island under our lee, and so thick we could not see a quater of a mile we carried the fore and main spencer in the lee rigging in order if possible to clear St Pauls, at 2 PM it let up a little and moderated a little, saw the island 4 points off our lee bow, we called all hands at once and soon got the ship on the other tack the watch all went below again comfortably happy, at 4 PM saw a ship called it the America off our weather beam under bare poles

St Pauls

Severe gale of wind

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St Pauls Island, South Seas, Aug. 28th, 1836,

Sunday 28th

At daylight set close reefed main top sail in about 15 minutes took it in again, blowing very heavy with rain and hail, not so much sea as yesterday saw neither ship nor land to day, nothing occured to day save some little accidents by the ships rolling deep in the hulls and in mooring ship twice

Monday 29th

More moderate to day but still very rugged saw a great deal of kelp ashore sign that we are to the eastward of the islands, about 90 miles we calculate, with the wind at W, watch employed repairing damages and cleaning the deck ship under close reefed topsails and spencer for the most part of this day

Tuesday 30th

Very strong breezes and squally all this day, carried close reefed topsails and reefed courses most of the time, saw a sail this morning in our wake, at 4 P M spoke her she proved to be the Hibernia of N B 120 days out with 5 whales, we expect letters by her but it was to rugged to go after them we shall keep in sight of her till we can board her I expect, at 10 A M saw Amsterdam about 4 points on our weather bow heading N W by W, at 12 O saw an India man before the wind bound eastward with a main T G sail out, — It is now 1 A M Wednesday morn we have just had a heavy squall of hail and rain, no loss

Spoke a ship

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Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Wednesday August 31st 1836

Cold and rugged all this day wind at S. strong with hail and rain saw the Hibernia astern about 16 miles no land in sight, Lat 37, 8. Lan 76, 22 This forenoon we took in our two boats and put them on the hy-works, broke out for bread and meat &c this afternoon killed a hog, took in the close reefed main-topsail

Thursday Sept 1st

This has been a fine warm pleasant day with a light wind from the S.W. the first good day we have had since we have been about these islands, At sunrise we turned on repairing boats hadnt one but what was stove, at 12 OC had 3 ready to put out, this afternoon to work on our D boat with a broken back put 6 new streaks into her an one side, Three ships in sight one boiling God knows when she got her whales we have had no weather for whaling this fortnight 'till to day at sunset we calculated the land to be about 100 miles off bearing S E by S by compass

Friday 2d

Fine weather, at 3 AM saw the island ahead 97
wind light all day, at 12 OC 12 ships in sight, at
Struck a whale 10m handy in with the land lowerd 3 boats pulled in and I got fast to a whale he run into the surf and I was obliged to cut off lost an iron and a lance and about 40 fathoms of line, brave

Amsterdam Island Sept 2d, D 1836,

Friday 2d

At sunrise the island was 25 miles off wind light, we turned on and got our boats out and fitted them, some hands to work on a clare mizen, saw 12 ships all ahead of us but one (the America) saw 6 of them take whales, we caught a plenty of fish this afternoon with our boat hooks At 3 PM, spoke the Emerald cutting the second to day and the 5th since she has been here, she lost two boats in the gale he main top sail and jib boom, At 8 PM spoke the America Capt Bray went on board found Capt Gifford in a bad state labouring under a severe fit of the mental palsey occasioned by a fall out of his birth in the gale the other day all the left side of him is dead to feeling Capt Bray came home out in about an hour and brought a lot of letters two for himself two for Sherman and others but none for me as usual it is about as I expected it would be———

Had a gam

I understand by Shermans letter that my wife is in or was in New York at the time the letter was written, for what purpose I know not perhaps to see the place or perhaps on a visit to some particular friend of hers, I feel as though every tie of love or friendship for me was broken and I no longer remembered I had about a decent die as time and God only knows how soon the summer may be my lot But enough my fate is fixed and I cannot alter it perhaps I judge to harsh all things may yet be right, but my existance at present is not my enviable

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Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Saturday Sept 3d

Good weather, got nothing but some small fish, at Sunset we spoke the Ann Alexander Joseph A Bailey master bound home and the Hibernia, by each of which I got a letter which pleased me shockingly, did not see Capt Bailey, hope I shall tomorrow I am willing and want to take it back what I said last night, yet I did not like it that others should get letters and I not so much as one word to cheer me under any misfortune or bad luck, and especially by our cousin Capt Gifford, I must wave this so good night one and all my friends

Received two letters from my wife

Sunday 4th

Strong breezes and squally with rain we got in to leward of the island by daylight Stowell got fast to a noble whale, she run into the surf and he had to cut off, at 12 OC we went on board got dinner and put away for St Pauls, at sunset blowing strong and rugged, took in the waste boat, got the other two ready to turn up, so ends this day

Monday 5th

Strong breezes and thick weather for the most part, at 9 we saw the land and a ship laying did not know whether it was American or St Pauls the current is so strong To day we fitted our close mizen storden of mutton sail and bent a new jib Lat. 38-20 at 12, OC

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St Pauls, Southern Indian Ocean Sept 6th 1836

Tuesday 6th

Strong breezes from the south and E at sunrise saw St Pauls about 4 points on our weather bow weather thick blowing heavy at 10 AM more moderate reefed the mainsail and set it at 11 wore ship, at ½ past 3 PM the island was about 3 miles off we lowered all 3 boats and went in saw plenty of whales got fast to one larboard boat the iron drawed so ends this days whaleing, tomorrow I think we shall get a whale, our chance is pretty good there is only 2 ships in sight and plenty of whales

Wednesday 7th

Praise God all ye lands for we have got a whale, being the 1st since the 12th of Got a whale February nearly 7 months ago in that time we might have gone home and come back again and have had more oil than we have got now, we have had good weather to day for the most part, we lowered at 6 this morning not far from the land pulled in and soon got fast to a whale larboard boat in the same gam the Connecticut's boats were fast to a (N London) she got two whales saw the Niles boats Capt Perry spoke then got our whale cut in at 5 PM lost the head at sunset saw another ship to leward

Thursday 8th Fore part strong breezes and squally with rain latter part moderate set whale to sails, at 5 PM two boats went ashore to stay all night; the rest of us breaking out and stowing down boiling 9c so many irons in the fire that none got burnt

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Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Friday 9th

Fresh breeze all day at 7 AM I went aShore we chased a number of whales got nothing, Stowel got his boat stove in going into the Lagoon this afternoon by a breaker that run him on to a point of rocks, we saw two dead whales a cow and a calf and a sea elephant dead saw a living one in the water he did not think it worth while to land while there was so many boats around I suppose, we saw those hot springs spoken of in history and boiled some fish in them, at 5 PM spoke the Indian Ship New London 90 days out no oil, liquire the Philetus of Stonington town 9 months out 350

Spoke a ship and had a gam

Saturday 10th

Gale of wind and a heavy sea on for the most part, finished bailing at 4 OC AM, at sunset we turned in to stowing down with the starboard watch, Stowel and I went to work on the starboard boat took the ceiling out and repaired her got through at 11 O.C. at 12 turned the reefs out of the topsails at 12 put them in again by that time we had the oil all down and decks clear heading in for the land saw a ship bailing

Sunday 11th

Strong breezes and rugged did not lower for whales, at 3 PM we fell in with and Spoke the Falcon Salem 3 months out no oil I received a letter from home which is a great comfort in these hard times

Received a letter from my dear wife

Indian Ocean Sept 12th 1836, St Pauls island

Manday 12

A gale of wind all this day ship under close reefed topsails and courses heating up for the island did not gain an inch all day, being about 10 miles off at sunset, saw only one ship the rest have cleard out I think we shall go soon if this weather holds

Tuesday 13

Fore part of this day a gale of wind latter part more moderate set single reefed topsails steering for Amsterdam St Pauls on our weather beam, wind about W by S saw one ship to leward of the island, at 10 AM we had a squall of wind and rain took in our starboard boat and put her on the try works, killed the old goat and gave her to the dogs, took up one of the lower main latches and repaired it figure the after cutting stage in and repaired it &c, The last time we lowered I sprained my left arm just above the wrist it is now almost useless and very painful in spite of every thing I have done for it, my watch on deck so good night all my near and dear friends

Wednesday 14th

Fore part strong breezes latter part very strong at 2 AM saw Amsterdam distant about 3 miles tacked off shore still ½ past 3 saw the Hibernia with 8 whales, at 7 AM lowered two boats, I got within dart of a whale but Faber missed her, 8 ships in sight the Georgia got two whales to day, saw the Emerald with 11 whales heard from the Tuscarora 15, from 4 PM till 8 gammed with the Hibernia, to night we are off to the N

Had a gamm

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Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth, Whaleing

Thursday Sept 15th 1836

Fine breze all this day from the S.W. with a heavy swell on, steering N.W. saw a large quantity of whale birds and feed saw a few finbacks &c This forenoon my watch on deck, broke out the after hold and stowed it off, this afternoon fitted a new head stop and hook lashing, at 4 PM kept off for a whale it proved to be a finback, at sunset took in sail and set quatin watches, so ends Lat 36, 56. S

Friday 16th

Light winds and cloudy all day with a heavy swell, This forenoon we took the rails boat down from over head to finish repairing at 2 PM a right whale came up close to the ship we down with two boats at once, we were gone about an hour did not see her again we came alongside they saw two more off our lee bow about 4 miles off we pulled for them but they were going to quick for us, at 5 PM saw two more to far off to lower at sunset took in sail we expect to have good work tomorrow with whales

Saw 3 whales

Saturday 17th

Lat 36, 22, Lon 76. 27

Strong breezes and squally with rain at daylight set whole topsails at 6 AM double reefed them at 10 close reefed them saw one whale to day, This afternoon finished the boat and put her overhead filled the scuttle butt &c Killed a mess of terapin, at sunset took in sail heading W.N.W wind about North, This afternoon we got a lunar made the Lon 76. 18. Lat 36. 16

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Indian Ocean, Sept 18th 1836, Lat 36 Lon 76 E

Sunday 18th

Fore part strong breezes and squally with rain, washed off decks this morning &c, at 8 Am had a squall and a shift of wind from North to about West quite moderate made all sail steered N by E saw nothing at 2 PM took in main T Gsail at 12 OC weather thick wind light, at sunset took in sail blowing strong having the appearance of a gale of wind before morning

Monday 19th

Fore part strong breezes latter part moderate made all sail at daylight (except main T Gsail) and kept off N the wind W S W at ½ past 9 Am saw a sail off our lee bow, at 1 PM spoke her she proved to be the Two Brothers with nothing since we saw her last Capt Perry went on board and spent the afternoon, Smalley came here,

Spoke the Two Brothers

Lat 34. 31. Lon 77. E

Tuesday 20th

Moderate weather all this day with the wind from the Westward steering N saw some porpoises and one finback, This forenoon we took our boat on deck and bunded it and stowed it away in the run at 12 OC spoke the Two Brothers Capt Eastham came on board and spent the afternoon, To day our last and only goat died for the want of something to eat

Had a gam

Lat 32. 04. Lon 76. 44

Wednesday 21st

Light steady breeze from the S, saw a good watch employed mending sails, unbent the foretop sail and bent an old, at 4 PM gammed with the Two Brothers, left her at 8 PM bound in for water

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Had a gam

Lat 31, 56, Lon 75, 3

Ship South Carolina Perry, Dartmouth

Thursday Sept 22d 1836

Fine pleasant weather all this day, saw nothing, To day unbent our new sails and bent the ones, and commenced repairing the former, This day I am 26 years old I suppose, but I forbare reflections

Lat 31, 26, Lon 72, 40

Friday 23d Light winds and foggy weather all this day saw several finbacks & hand variously employed mending sails, &c fitted a new runner to the main topsail tie, Stowed and the OB man repaired the starboard boat put in 5 new streaks This afternoon we killed a dozen terapin

Lat 30, 24. Lon 70. 2[illegible].

Saturday 24th

Strong breezes and equally saw nothing At 8 AM Kept off SW[illegible] for the place where the Hibernia got her voyage, for the last week or more our object has been to get to the North where there is a shoal laid down on the chart in Lat 28, Lon 70 but the wind was ahead this morning besides there was no birds in sight or any other indication of whales, so we gave up our object and are now making the best of our way to the south again, no Lat or Lon to day

Sunday 25

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All this day strong breezes from the SW where we want to go, every thing works against us and has done so all this voyage but I think it cannot always be so, we carried sail hard to day but have not gained much to windward owing to a heavy

Lat 30, 56. Lon 70. 29

Indian Ocean Sept 26th D 1836, Lat 29.s Lon 69.33

Monday 26th

Fine pleasant weather all this day Saw several finbacks, This afternoon we unbent the main spencer and repaired it, in bending it again Baker (one of our frenchmen) fell from the gaft on deck and cut his head and otherwise hurt him inwardly we have got him down here and he is doing well, so ends this day

Tuesday 27th

All this day strong breeres ship under double reefed topsails, saw nothing, This afternoon we discovered that one of our main top mast shrouds had parted near the mast head, Baker is better to day though still very lame, so ends this da

Lat 32, 34.s Lon 71.05.E

Wednesday 28th

Calm fair the most part of these 24 hours Saw a right whale this forenoon going quick to the eastward, This forenoon larboard watch to work on the spritsail yard and jibboom & this afternoon starboard watch put a stopper on the main topmast shrowd, made a lot of natting stuff cleared out the deck pot and coolers &c &c

Saw a right whale

Thursday 29th

Lat 32.41.s Lon 70.15.E

Wind light from the N W with some fog, saw lots of finbacks, and a few birds To day we killed our last hog and one of the pig we have got only three pigs now to be plaged with, at sunset we took in the main top gallant sail blowing a stiff breze and set whole watches, steering W.S.W. Lat 32.54

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Ship South Carolina, Perry, Dartmouth

Friday Sept 30th 1836

Fore part strong breezes from the N'W
Latter part more moderate from S S E, with squalls
saw nothing but finbacks and skipjacks, and
a few birds, This afternoon Baker left us and
went forward almost well again, Sanford
came on the sick list this afternoon, soon after
dinner he fainted and fell he soon came too
took a portion of Calomel and Jallap and went
below, At 2 P M ship heading S E wore around
and stood to the westward, at sunset took in
the mainsail and double reefed the topsails
Set quater watches steering W S W

Lat 34.38 Lon 69.03

Saturday Oct 1st 1836

All this day fine moderate breze
with a heavy swell. at sunrise saw 5 ships
5 Ships in sight one boiling Spoke one
one of them boiling, at 9 AM saw a ship
lower and kill a whale at 11 spoke her she
proved to be the Lawrier Capt Crapo of
Dorchester 4 months out no oil, At 4 P M
Saw whales saw whales lowered in company with the
Lawrier, got nothing at sunset took in sail
heading to the westward Lat 35.18, Lon 68.30

Sunday 2d

Fine pleasant weather all this day
Saw the Lawrier to windward, at 11 AM 107
saw whales lowered three boats, and I got
fast and drawed in about 5 minutes after
At sunset saw some more to windward
at sunset took in sail, so ends Lat 35.17 Lon 68.13

Indian Ocean, Oct 3d D 1836 Lat 35,20 s Lon 68.32

Monday 3th

All this day very fine pleasant weather, wind from the N'w saw a great many humpbacks finbacks and sulpher-bottams, only one right whales that one we lowered for at 10½ AM Saw a ship to windward this afternoon saw another bath boiling, at 3 PM saw two whales to leward kept off for them and lowered two boats but they proved to be humpbacks, Mr Smith got a lance at one of them but did not kill him, This afternoon we got a distance made the longitude 68. 32. Lat 35. 20

Saw two ships boiling

Saw one right whale

Tuesday 4th

Fore part of this day nearly calm, latter part light breese, saw two ships one boiling At daylight saw 2 whales close to us lowered and chased them to no purpose at 9, AM saw more 3 miles off lowered the larboard boat and they got fast to one and the iron struck pulled Stowed and I lowered and chased them hard but could not catch them, At 11 got a distance. At 1 PM kept her off SE before a light breese 2 hours and saw whales again Stowel got on but Emery missed them we chased them and others till near sunset came on board after sunset Mr Smith lowered again for a whale close to the ship with the usual luck, Lat 34.36. Lon 69.12

Saw two ships and several whales struck one

Wednesday 5th Strong breezes and cloudy weather Wind N' At 8 AM saw whales lowered the waste boat and got two small ones, cut them in by 12. O.C. and washed off, this afternoon got a large one

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Lat 35. Lon 69. 11

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Wednesday 5th

Strong breezes all this day and cloudy weather, at 8 Am saw 2 whales lowered the
Saw whales waste boat and struck one, Mr Smith
and saved 3 lowered immediately and struck anather we got them both took them boath alongside thogether and by 12 OC they were on board the ship and sail made again, we were two hours and a half cutting two whales, This afternoon we washed off at 4 P M saw more whales at 5 lowerd two boats killed two whales and saved one large one the line parted and lost the other Mr Smith got his boat stove at ½ past 6 we had the whale plank-roped and sail taken in, Lat 35. Lon 69. 11

Thursday 6th

Strong breezes and rugged with some rain, at daylight commenced cutting at 10 a finished, cleared the decks and went to boiling at 4 P M had a squall from the S W and a a shift of wind, This forenoon Capt Pease repaired the larboard boat and got her ready for lowering Lat 35.08. Lon 69. 48

Friday 7th

Fore part strong breezes and rugged latter part more moderate, at 3 P M saw a
Saw a sail ship to leward at 4 saw whales to leward
and chased and run off at sunset lowered for and 109
a whale she perceived us and got clear, saw plenty more to leward, Lat 34.28 Lon 69. 04

Indian Ocean Oct 8th 1836

Saturday 8th

Strong breezes with fog and rain saw whales several times, I got on to one Jabez struck her, Two ships in sight, at daylight commenced heaving out the after hold to stow down at 12 OC all the old oil was down

Saw whales and two ships

Lat 34.19 Lon 69.14

Sunday 9th

Received a letter, wife

Moderate weather, wind S.W. finished hailing at 12 OC saw whales lowered 3 times got nothing, saw two ships the Lucas & Lucylann saw the latter take one or more whales, at 5 PM spoke the Lucas Capt Toby with two whales 4 months out by her I received a very acceptable letter from my dear wife Lat 34.28. Lon 69.22

Saw whales and spoke a ship

Monday 10th

Strong breezes all this day, saw no whales This morning we stowed down our old 90 bbls saw a carcass and 4 ships 2 cutting one hailing This afternoon the larboard watch cleaned the hone, wind N.W ship heading to the westward Lat 34.29, L 69.20

Saw 4 ships

Tuesday 11th

All this day a moderate gale of wind This afternoon we hove the ship too under a close reefed main topsail &c, saw a whale about sun set but to rigged to lower, at 2 PM saw a large school of blackfish they played around the ship we lanced several of them one carried off a lance, we stowed our hone away in the run and unbent the mizen topsail to repair and bent another

Saw one right whale and 3 ships

Lat 34.52, Lon 69.19

Ships South Carolina, Benj. Of Dartmouth

Wednesday Oct 12th 1836

All this day a gale of wind from the NW, saw no whales, saw one ship bailing, nothing particular occured to day

Lat 34.45, Lon 69.54

Thursday 13th

Fore part strong breezes with rain and fog, latter part more moderate at 2 PM fell in with and spoke the Stefania of NB 900, 350 sperm, let her have two barels of meat, at 5 PM saw a dead whale lowered down the waste boat and take her alongside two more ships in sight, the picked 2 irons and a spade attached to the whale, marked BR

saw 3 ships picked up a dead whale

Lat 34.11. Lon 70.30

Friday 14th

Fine weather all this day, at daylight began to cut at 10 AM finished and began to bail, saw the Atlantic with two whales this season, spoke the Stefana and saw 3 other ships

Saw 5 ships spoke one

Lat 34.20. Lon 70.36

Saturday 15th

Light wind and pleasant weather saw 2 ships barques I believe saw no whales finished bailing at 12 oc, set the mainsail steering W wind S Lat 34.30. Lon 70.40

saw two barques

Sunday 16th

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Fine pleasant weather for the most part of this day, at 12 oc saw whales got nothing while off spoke the Tuscarora 120, at 1 PM saw more lowered and struck one fast an about 2 minutes and drawed Lat 34 14. Lon 69.42

saw whales struck one, saw 3 ships spoke one

Indian Ocean Oct 17th D 1836 Lat 33.57 Lon 69.00

Monday 17th

Fine weather wind S E, This forenoon we stowed down our oil & saw whales and lowered and chased them 3 times the usual success attending at 5 PM spoke the Tuscarora while she was running down to us she lowered a boat and struck one of the whales that we have been chasing most all the afternoon, but they did not get her and I am glad of it, because it is the Tuscarora

Saw lots of whales spoke a ship

Tuesday 18th

All this day strong breezes and squally with rain and fog, saw lots of finbacks &c but no right whales, the watch employed this afternoon cleaning bone, have been steering S W all day wind N E Lat 33.42 Lon 69.34

Wednesday 19th

Light winds with fog saw nothing this afternoon we bundled the bone and stowed it away, cooper commenced setting up water pipes

Lat 35.2 , Lo 68,49

Thursday 20th

Moderate breezes, with fog in the fore part of the day, latter part clear, at 4 PM saw whales and a ship to leward at ½ past 4 lowered 3 boats got one whale to the larboard boat I had the chance to strike first but was prevented by the Capt wape at sunset there was whales all around us in every direction Lat 34.27 Lon 69.35

Saw a sail and got a whale

I am in hopes now we shall begin to do something towards getting a voyage as yet we have done nothing, whales there is no lack of now

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Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Friday 21st Oct 1836

Strong breezes all this day with fog at daylight we turned out and cut saw whale in sight 7 we had finished saw the ship to leward whaleing at 10 AM we saw whales lowered 3 boats and I got fast in a gang of 3 whales we killed 2 one sunk the other went off spouting blood in the scrape I got capsized by a dead whale, my whale took the line and went off soon turned up and sunk, so ends

Saw one ship and sunk two whales

Lat 34, 13 Lon 69, 53

Saturday 22d

Light wind to day with a heavy swell saw 5 ships, saw lots of whale I got fast to one that run me about 3 hours with good speed the Capt set his signal for me to cut off saw more whales to leward but could not get on,

Struck a whale

Lat 34.15. Lon 69.35

Sunday 23d

Fine pleasant weather all this day saw 3 ships, performed boiling at 2 PM this morning at 3 PM spoke the messenger Chase No 900

Lat 34.20 Lon 69.31

Monday 24th

Very fine weather all this day, at 8 AM saw a whale and got him to the starboard boat we found attached to the whale one whole line and about 3/32 of another with 2 irons marked S S J ships name

Saved a whale

Lat 33.55 Lon 70.01

Indian Ocean Oct 25th A 1836. Lat 33,40 Lon 70,10

Tuesday 25th

Had light airs from the westward, after breakfast began to stow down, at 8 Am saw 2 whales gaing quick we chased them about ½ an hour to no purpose, about 10 Am saw another gaing quick, lowered down the starboard & waste boat I went on and struck she soon turned up at 11 60m had towed her to the ship got dinner and began to cut so ends this day

Out a Whale

Wednesday 26th

Good weather and light winds from the NW, Saw a number of whales gaing quick into the NE did not lower for them, All hands employed to day stowing down oil, and starting water &c,

Lat 33.35. Lon 70, 13, by Obs

Thursday 27th

All this day strong breezes from the SW with fog and rain finished boiling by 9 Am Steering E NE saw lots of finbacks, pursued two or three carcases fresh ones, No Lat or Lon to day

Friday 28th

Spoke a ship

Strong breezes and good weather saw lots of finbacks, Steering eastward at 4 PM saw two ships one hailing, hands employed setting up shooks cleaning hove &c Lat 32.39. Lon 71,21 at 7 PM spoke the Triton Riche 900, 150 sperm

Saturday 29th

Strong breezes and rugged saw nothing Hands employed about the rigging setting up shooks &c this afternoon bulked the hove and stowed it away, at 5 PM flogged the cook so ends Lat 32.43 L. 72.42

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Ship South Carolina, Of Dartmouth

Sunday Oct 30th D 1836

All this day light airs and calm saw a great number of fin and hump-backs, the Smith lowered his boat and tried to get fast to one but did not succeed At sunset a light breese sprung up from the N we kept off before the wind with fore and main topsail set steering S S W, Lat 32.51 Lon 71.34

Monday 31st

Strong breezes and cloudy wind from the N at daylight made sail and kept off S E. saw Ship Triton did not speak her saw lots of whales lowered 5 times and took one whale Cooper employed setting up shooks

Sank a Whale

Lat 33.40 Lon 72.21 E

Tuesday November 1st

All this day Strong breezes with rain and thick weather, at daylight saw whales lowered and chased got nothing saw whales several times in the course of the day but did not lower, At 3 P M had a squall and a shift of wind, Lat 33.30 Lon 72.21

Wednesday 2d

Fine weather with a heavy swell on after breakfast saw a whale lowered down and struck her ~~with~~ a cow the waste boat, we soon killed her and took her along side but she proved to be a dry-skin, we saved the head throat and lips the rest we let go, made sail and stood along to the eastward saw two ships and 3 right whales to windward

Cut a dry skin whale

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Lat 33.26 Lon 72.38

Indian Ocean, Nov 3d D 1836 Lat 33.48 Lon 73.08

Thursday 3d

This day commenced with strong breezes, from the westward, at 10 AM had a heavy squall took in single reefed fore & mizen topsail and close reefed the main. kept off E by E blowing a heavy gale, at 3 PM saw whales and luffed too, closed reefed fore and mizen topsails and set them, at 4 took them in at 5 had a heavy squall with thunder and lightning took in main topsl

Friday 4th

Lost jib boom

All this a gale of wind from S W with very heavy squalls, no sail out but fore & main spencer at 6 AM carried away our jib boom, in the cap, we took in the pieces and after breakfast turned on and spliced it at 12 oc it was all ready to go out again, at 4 PM saw a dead whale about 2 days old, saw several living whales at 2 PM saw two carcases

Lat 33.11. Lon

Saturday 5th

More moderate to day carried close reefed topsails, put the jib boom on the bowsprit all ready to shove out as soon as the weather will permit. This afternoon saw a sail to windward, hands employed clearing decks

Lat 32.30 Lon 72.34

Sunday 6th

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Sat a whale

Lat 32.50, Lon 73.30

All this day Fine pleasant weather, saw 4 ships this forenoon all working to the South at 2 PM saw a whale lowered got nothing, at 4 PM saw 3 whales 5 miles off calm lowered 3 boats I got one, starboard got fast and got it tied, but the whale got mine alongside at 12 oc midnight

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Monday Nov 7th 1836

All this day strong breezes and squally, at daylight began to cut
Spoke a ship at 8 am finished, rigged out the jibboom and set the rigging up, In taking in our stowen boat last night, she was broken in two so that she came in in two peices the whale left her gunwails several streaks whole, we have now only 3 boats two of them are very bad at 10 AM spoke the Gald Hunter Coffin 600 at 5 PM began try out our whale Lat 33.11, Lon 73.33

Tuesday 8th

All these 24 hours a gale of wind saw a number of whales one came close to the ship At 2 AM put the fires out for rain and otherwise bad weather at 2 PM started them again, saw the G H to leward, at 5, AM more ship and turned the boats down, weather more moderate Lat 34. Lon 72. 44

Wednesday 9th

Light winds and pleasant weather, at sunrise, we fell in with and spoke the American
Spoke a Ship lapt Gifford, late from the Isle of France where he had been an account of his health he procured a docter and is now somewhat better, she has 200 bls of whale oil since we saw her at the islands There were 4 more ships in sight 2 boiling, at 3 PM we had finished boiling and stowing down, so ended

Thursday 10th Lat 33, 27. Lon 73, 20

Fine weather for the most part, saw 4 ships all whaleing and cutting At daylight saw a large 117
school of killers took them to be sperm whales

Carried up

Indian Ocean Nov 10th 1836 Lat 33.30 Lon 73.10

10th At 8 AM lowered for a whale, she proved to be a sulphurbottom at 8½ am lowered for 3 right whales going to windward quick the waste boat struck a large cow and saved her the larboard boat struck one she was fast to her between 4 and 5 hours and both irons broke off and the whale went off, took the other whale alongside at 2 PM and cut her in by 5 and lowered for another whale but could not get on, so ends

Struck two whales saved one

Friday 11th

Fore part calm latter part gale of wind saw plenty of whales to day lowered 3 times got nothing, 3 ships in sight, at 10 AM the old man pulled for the nearest one about 3 miles off thinking it was the Stephana out of which we were in hopes to get a boat, he went so near as to read her name she proved to be the Sally Ann Colt, He turned about and came back again without speaking her, so ends Lat 33.47 Lon 73.22

Saturday 12

Good weather and plenty of whales most of them going to the southward, we lowered 3 times got nothing, the starboard boat struck one had to cut from her we finished hoiling by 9 AM at sunset had the oil all off deck Lat 34.02 Lon 72.48

Cut from a whale

Sunday 13th

Struck 4 whales saved 3

Fine weather and plenty of whales, struck 4 saved 3, noble ones which makes us a 1000 bbls good, saw 2 ships whaling cutting and hoiling, we picked up a stove boat, it belonging to the Triton, we finished hoiling at 11 OC Lat 34.8 Lon 72.35

Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Monday Nov 14th 1836

Fine weather and plenty
Got a whale of whales saw several ships all of them to
and had a work, at 3 P M lowered down the boats one
boat stove mised one whale, fastened and drawed and I
struck one and got stove last my line &c
saved the whale, took my boats in and
went to work on her at 6 P M took the
whale alongside and set the watch. 72.31
Lat 34.13 Lon

Tuesday 15

Fine weather and plenty of whales we
did not want one to day, at 12 O C finished
the boat and put her over head after dinner
cut the whale in and the watch went
below, saw an English Barque bound
to the E so ends Lat 34.8 Lon 72.13

Wednesday 16th

Fore part light latter part strong breezes
saw a number of whales lowered twice did
not get fast, we have been very busy all
day stowing down about 100 bbls, saw several
ships all under easy sail, to day all hands had
doughnuts fore and aft Lat 34.3 Lon 72.25

Thursday 17th

Good weather nearly calm At 7 AM saw
two whales hundy to the ship lowered down the
Stuck 3 whales saved one waste boat and struck one of them Mr Smith
came off and struck the other and drawed, Mr
Lee saved and got her alongside at 12 OC 119
and turned on stowing down at 6 P M Mr
Smith lowered and struck another drawed Lat 34.10 Lon 72

Indian Ocean Nov 18th 1836. Lat 34.25. Lon 72.30

Friday 18th

Fine weather strong breezes saw plenty of whales did not lower, at 8 Am began to cut our last whale finished at 11, got dinner and broke out and stowed down in the after hold, The Triton is in sight we saw her take a whale this afternoon, all well so ends

Saturday 19th

All this day good weather and plenty of whales at 9 Am I struck a whale and got stove but had two men hurt, Mr Smith got fast to her he killed her and she sunk, Lat 33.50 Lon 72. 20

Sunk a whale

Sunday 20th

Fine weather and plenty of whales got nothing lowered 4 times Mr Smith got fast just before sunset to an ugly bugger he cut his line off with his second iron, at 3 Pm spoke the Gold Hunter 1100 bbls of oil and 3 boats we have only 1300 and 2 boats that we can lower one of them wont have hunting more than once or twice more, Lat 33. 56. Lon 72. 25

Monday 21st

Light winds with fog and rain, and every thing bestir deck full of oil and gurry I took my boat in after breakfast Sherman and I went to work on her in the rain up to our eyes in gurry the rest busy stowing down oil in the after hold, If I was at home to night I am shure I should never join a whale ship again, a more disagreable day than this I never saw Mr Smith killed a whale just at dark, his iron drawed she went off

Struck a whale and she went off spouting blood

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Ship South Carolina Of Dartmouth

Tuesday Nov 22d 1836

Strong breres and rugged
saw a great many whales to day lowered 6
times struck one and saved her got her
alongside at 7 PM and took in sail, at 4 PM
spoke the Triton 1400 cutting, saw the Gd Hope
and an other ship, I have got my boat ready
to put out in the morning and ready to
be stove again, after 3 days of labor and
great vexation, I hope the next boat I have
to mend I shall have something to do it with

Killed a whale and took her to the ship Spoke the Triton

Wednesday 23d

All this day a gale of wind from
the S, saw no whales or ships. At 9 AM
the fluke chain parted, we soon got that
and another one on again very soon by means
of a tow line to the whale, we took them in
at the waste and the boys carryen, at sunset
we took in main Topsail and turned the
boats up &c weather looks bad Lat 34.56

Thursday 24th

Gale of winds, at 1 AM one of the
fluke chains parted we put them together
and rove out the whole length of both chains
out of the waste, after dinner we hauled her
alongside, and tried to cut her in, both chains parted
and we lost her, Two ships in sight and plenty of
whales water full of food Lat 34.34, 121

Friday 25th Good weather, At sunrise saw one whale we lo
yesterday, plenty of whales in sight, we lowered and g
a whale the ship took the dead one alongside we lowered ag
got nothing saw the Triton stew down at 12 Oc Lat 34.45. L 75.4

Cut two whales

Indian Ocean Nov 26th D 1836, Lo 34,50 Lon 73

Saturday 26th

Fine weather and whales all around us all day, Mr Smith struck a mollie whale this morning that run him a long way to windward and at last took his line, coming on board he hove a dung iron into another and she went off

Struck 4 whales saved one

with a line

This afternoon I struck two whales saved one a little thing will make about 20 bbls, saw the Triton cut two whales to day, all well so far

Sunday 27th

Fine weather wind very light for the most part, saw a great many whales to windward not near enough to lower for not one of them within 3 miles of us all day, saw the America Triton cut a whale about 5 miles to wind-ward of us, we got our whale in about 9 OC this morning and commenced stowing down Lat 34.53 Lon 72.40

Monday 28th

Fine weather and 10,000 whales in sight struck 6 saved 3 two to the LB 1 to the JB, I struck one both irons came out, saw the America to day which we called the Triton three days past, saw her take one whale this afternoon, we have now about 1600 and a fair prospect of filling up soon, Lat 35.10, Lon 72.20

Struck 6 whales and saved 3

Tuesday 29th

Strong breezes and rugged all this day saw some whales but too rugged to lower, saw the America cut her whale this forenoon this afternoon we cut ours, Lat 35.30, Lon 72.30

Ship South Carolina of Dartmouth

Wednesday 30th

All these 24 hours a gale of wind saw nothing, all hands busy stowing pipes between decks coopering, bailing &c

Lat 35. 10 Lon 73.

Thursday Dec 1st Gale of wind all hands busy setting up shooks &c I have a bile on my hand that exempts me from work to day it bids fair to lay me up for a week yet

Lat 36. 20. Lon 73. 13

Friday 2d

More moderate to day with a heavy swell on, at 10 AM set close reefed main topsail, all hands employed coopering pipes and stowing down, at sunset saw one right whale my hand is better to day but still very painfull

Saturday 3d

Lat 35. 32. Lon 73. 06

Strong breezes and rugged saw nothing, all hands employed coopering pipes and stowing them down, finished bailing at 12 OC

Lat 36. Lon 72. 46

Sunday 4th

Strong breezes for the most part with fog and rain, saw nothing, This afternoon starboard watch washed off and unbent the main topsail and bent a new one, so ends no Lat or Lon

Monday 5th

All this day fine pleasant weather and no whales saw a number of albacaeres &c All hands employed setting up shooks

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Lat 34, 59 Lon 73. 30

Indian Ocean Dec 6th. D 1836 Lat 35.07 Long 72.03

Tuesday 6th

All this day very fine pleasant weather wind light from S W at daylight saw a large schoal of killers, at 2 PM we saw something that looked like right whales they were going so quick we could not make out what they were, we chased them about 3 hours before the wind, then gave it up the Capt called them sperm whales, To day we have 3 men on the sick list, the rest employed in their watches cleaning bone &c we saw to day a great deal of offal such as peices of whale lean old scraps &c &c but where the whales and ships are is more than we can tell our object at present is to work into the S W till we find whales or the Crozetts

Wednesday 7th

Good weather with a fine breze from the W at 9 AM saw two right whales about 3 miles to windward, we tried till 3 PM to get up to them but could not, we tacked and stood along on the southern tack and at 4 PM saw 2 whales lowered & struck two L^d & W boat I saved mine Mr Smith lost his, we began to cut at 6 finished before sunset double reefed the topsails set the watches Lat 35.30 Lo 73.06

Struck two whales saved one

Thursday 8th

Fine weather wind light saw several whales and got one to the waste boat, at 1 PM began to cut lowered at 9, towed 3 miles, saw a ship to windward boiling & cutting Lat Lon

Got a whale

Ship South Carolina, Pony

Friday Dec 9th 1836

Fine weather and light winds saw a number of whales got nothing, To day we have only 2 men off duty they have got the scurvy quite back their legs a badly swolle legues their gums, At 12 OC to night we fell in with the Sally Ann Mr Smith went on board she has 1500, by her I received a letter from my dear wife, announcing the death of my brother George dear little fellow he has got through with this words of trouble I am very glad to hear that James has given up the idea of whaleing Lat 35.26 Lon 72.46

Spoke the Sally Ann and got a letter

Saturday 10th

Good breeze weather rather foggy saw a few whales, got nothing, I was so much unwell to day as not to go in my boat the 4th man went in my place, we saw the Sally Ann and at 11 AM we fell in with and spoke the Java Capt Smith 1950 heard from the Hibernia 1750 Lat 35.34 Lon 71.53

Spoke the Java Smith

Sunday 11th

All this day a heavy gale of wind it commenced about 10 this morning from the NE at sunset it was more moderate, saw a great many whales to day appearance at home finished boiling at 4 PM the two turned up about 70

Lat 36.28 L 71.05

Monday 12th

Moderate weather with a tremendeous swell on saw a number of whales lowered once got nothing ship under Single reefed topsails all hands employed in tawing Spermaceti between Decks

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Lat 36.19 71.26

Indian Ocean Dec 13th Lat 37.05. 70.19

Tuesday 13th

Gale of wind all this day, saw a great many whales plenty of birds, water full of feed, saw a ship this morning boiling, called her the America, All hands alias watches employed setting up shrouds at sunset saw ship heading NE, two men down with the scurvy

Wednesday 14th

Good weather all day and not a right whale in in sight the ocean was full of finbacks and feed, This afternoon we unbent the foresail and cut it up for bunt cloth &c bent a topsail for a foresail cut off at the second reef it is a curious looking sail but it sets very well, cooper busy with shook as usual, This afternoon got a good lunar made the Lon 71.04 . Lat 37.04, Long by Chron 70.10

Thursday 15th

Commenced with moderate weather at 10 AM steering S W it began to blow from NE took in main topgallantsail reefed the topsails and hauled on the wind to the northward saw a ship steering S W saw a number of whales going quick into the NE, at 10 PM we took in fore and mizen topsail close reefed the main blowing a gale of wind with rain, at sunset took the craft out of the sea boats and hoisted them up to the davit heads and otherwise prepared for a heavy gale of wind, such as we may expect in this latitude Lat 37.30. Lon 70.30

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Ships South Carolina & Dartmouth

Friday 16th

Commenced with strong breezes at 12 OC more moderate made all sail at 2 PM saw a right whale going quick we lowered and chased him could not get on saw a carcap this afternoon an old one The watch employed cleaning lone &c

Lat 36. 34. Lon

Saturday 17th

Light breezes and smooth saw nothing. Hands employed scraping lone &c

Lat 36. 29 Lon

Sabbath Day Dec 18th

Strong breezes with rain and fog saw nothing ship under double reefed topsails heading to the eastward

Lat & Long got none

Monday 19th

Stong breezes from N W saw nothing at 8 AM tacked ship headed S W, Hands employed setting up shrouds &c Lat 36. Lon

Tuesday 20th

Fine weather no whales saw an old carcap, ship heading S W by Hands employed variously about deck Lat Lon 69.09

Wednesday 21st

Commenced with a main top gallant sail latter part double reefed topsail brees at 4 PM saw several finbacks and lots of birds, at 12. OC we unbent the mizen top sail and repaired it Lat 38. 30.

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Indian Ocean Dec 22d 1836 Lat 39.36 68, W

Thursday 22d

Strong breezes and squally at 12 OC to day saw right whales two of them going quick to windward as usual, watches employed repairing and old mizen topsail. 3 men off duty to day

Friday 23d

All this day good weather for whaleing but none in sight at daylight saw a sail to windward about 6 miles at 10 Am spoke her she proved to be the George of Newlondon 1640 — watches employed with the mizen topsail &c Lat 39.09. Lon 68.02

Spoke the George of Newlondon

Saturday 24th

Strong breezes and rugged, saw a few finbacks, Steering W all day with the wind about N with some rain, saw two or three pinguins alias waggins, Hands employed repairing old sails, at sunset we set whole watches and carried double reefed topsails, This afternoon we killed a pig for Christmas Lat 39.20. Lon 66.40

Sunday 25th

Christmas Day

Fine pleasant weather but somewhat cold wind about SW, steering WNW. Saw three seals and one finback to day saw a carcass and an old barge Lat 39.34. Lon 66.08

My dear friends I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year I will soon be here.

Ship South Carolina

Monday 26th

Fine moderate weather wind N.W. at daylight unbent the fore topsail to repair saw a very large ship to windward steering towards us at ½ past 6 Mr Smith boarded her she proved to be a Dutch ship called General Baron Van-Geen, bound to Batavia we got a few potatoes and a little good gin At 12 OC we spoke another large English ship called the Caladonia of Liverpool bound to Botny Bay we did board her, she saw 4 whale ships to day and 2 yesterday but no whales since the beg of 50 S Lat 38.51. Long 65.20

Spoke two merchant ships bound to the E. Indies

Tuesday 27th

Good weather saw nothing hands variously employed, mending sails &c &c steering W.S.W. wind N.W. Lat Long

Wednesday 28th

This day commenced and ended with a gale of wind saw nothing at 12 OC Midn took in main topsail and wore ship to the North on account of our boats Lat 39.54. Long 62.11

Thursday 29th

Moderate weather hove to rigged saw no whales at daylight saw two ships at 4 OC spoke the Neptune of Newfoundland 1400 Margarate of St Johns 1400, saw the Falcon 1300 to leeward bound to Desolation Lat 40.35. Lon 61.05

Spoke the Neptune & Margarate & Falcon

Friday 30th All this day strong breezes and rugged spoke the Margarate saw the Neptune,

Lat 41.21 Long 61.40

Indian Ocean Dec 31st 1836

Saturday 31st

A gale of wind all this day saw nothing Ship under fore and main spencer, at 12 OC took in the waste boat, Randal fell down the steerage this afternoon was somewhat hurt

Sunday Jan 1st New Years day

1837

Gale of wind with hail and rain saw nothing at 7 AM wore ship but had to ware back again on account of the heavy sea heading S S W for the most part makeing an E drift at 6 PM more moderate set main topsail and foresail — I wish you all a happy new year my friends and ourselves a full ship but the prospect is not very fair, we have only two boats that we can lower on a gale of wind 3/4 of the time

Lat 42. 48 S Long 61. 34 E

Monday 2d

All this day a gale of wind with heavy squalls of hail and rain, wind W S W very cold saw nothing, at 12 OC tacked ship for the north on a midden climate set the main and mizen topsails close reefed at 2 PM took them in again Lat 43. 30. Long 61. 27

Tuesday 3d

More moderate to day set double reefed topsails and mainsail working to the westward saw nothing, wind to the westward with a heavy swell, employed tearing the old stowen boat to peices and straitening nails &c

Lat 41. 37 S Long 61. 30 E

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OC so good night — I will turn in and read, Tales of my Grandfather

Ships South Carolina, Penn Master

Wednesday Jan 4th D 1837

This day commenced with a whole topsail breeze from the North, ended with a gale of wind, saw nothing at sunset took in sail heading NW by W Lat 42.5. Lon 62.06

Thursday 5th

Commenced with strong breezes and rugged at 7 Am turned the reefs out of the topsails and set the main topgallant sail heading N W at 4 PM took in main top gallant sail and reefed the topsails at sunset took in fore and mizen topsail and reefed the courses heading N set the watches whale watches To day we have 5 men down with the scurvy others complaining it is time for us to go

Lat 41. 52. Lon 62,25

Friday 6th

Gale of wind steering N with double reefed topsails fore part latter part clear reefed main topsail and reefed courses heading N E by E last fore stay sail and fore topmast stay sail, unbent the jib and put a reef in the new one ready to set when the weather will permit

Lat 40. 28. Long 62. 40

Saturday 7th

SPERM WHALES

Strong breezes and rugged steering N wind N W by W. carried single reefed main topsail bent the jib and set it. Last night I had a remarkable dream saw whalespouts &c at 10 PM all hands were called for sperm whales right under the bow had nobody aloft and only 1 boat on the cranes Mr Smith lowered and struck killed 3 & 4 whales I lowered as quick as I could get my boat out but the whale had gone, we saved 1 sunk 2

Lat 38. 50 ; Long 62.33

Indian Ocean Jan 8th D 1837

Sunday 8th

More moderate to day, saw lots of finbacks & sulpher-bottoms, commenced boiling at sunrise clearing away head &c unrather man (R Wyatt) down with the scurvy Lat 38.42. Lon 62.56

Monday 9th

Got a blackfish

Fine pleasant weather all this day, at day-light saw blackfish lowered the waste boat and took one, finished boiling at sunset she turned up about 30 bbls of good sperm and about a barrel of blackfish, at 4 PM tacked ship she headed up W.N.W

Lat 37.40 S Lon

Tuesday 10th

Fore and middle part of this day strong breezes (with rain) from the N. latter part clear weather with a fine breeze from the S.W. steering N.N.W stopped at sunset saw a school of blackfish

Wednesday 11th

Beautiful weather to day saw nothing, wind S.S.W steering N.N.W at day light began to get out the studding sail gear at 7 set topmast & lower studding sail. After breakfast we began to break out between decks to restow the oil we found one of the largest pipes nearly and half about 8 bbls, we put about 70 bbls of what was left in the lower hold and secured the rest solid. To day we had all the sick ones on deck to take the fresh air and a little wholesome exercise. This afternoon we got a lunar reach the long 58.13 Lat 36.35. Long by chron 58.43

Ship South Carolina

Thursday 12th

Commenced with strong breezes and
good weather wind from N & course N by W
All hands again to day stowing off between decks
stowing down ail &c finished at 12 OC This afternoon
we took in an spare spars from aft
the stern to scrape and paint, at sunset
blowing strong put on a chest backstay to the
main top gallant mast and a preventer jib
guy, strong breezes squally with rain, to ends
Lat 36. 8 4. Lon 58. 40

Friday 13th

Fore part squally with rain wind from N
at 7 am the wind shifted in a smart squall
to the S W, steering N by W sett top mast studd
ing sail at 10 am carried it away and tore
the sail hands employed scraping and painting
spars &c this afternoon we got a lunar
Long 55. 30. Lat 35. 08

Saturday 14th

All this day fine weather and fresh
breezes from the S E steering N N W ran.
nothing hands employed scraping the
bulwarks &c the watch below broke out the
forecastle and had a clean wash, at 10 am
the outrigger to the M. T. G. mast a spare T G mast
fell out of the main top and stove the waste boat
3 streaks one timber ceiling &c which took
me till night to repair, this afternoon we
got a lunar made the Long 54. 40. Lat 33. 11

Indian Ocean Jan 15th D 1837

Sunday 15th

Fine pleasant weather wind from S & Easterly N by W saw nothing, anather man gave up to day the cook who makes the 8th one off duty with the scurvy or something else Lat 31. 40. Long 53. 46

Monday 16th

Fine warm pleasant weather wind E by S steering N saw a sunfish, hands employed scraping ship outside and in. Lat 30. 03 Long 50. 26

Tuesday 17th

All this day fine breezes from the eastward weather very warm sea smooth &c at daylight the starboard watch commenced washing off with sand and lime after breakfast the other watch got up the T G rigging and turned it, this afternoon sent up all three T G masts and set the mizen T G sail fore are not ready yet, anather man off duty to day out of my watch which leaves me 5 men besides boatsteerers

Lat 28. 30. Long 49. 50 50. 05

Wednesday 18th

Pleasant weather wind E saw nothing steering N to day we repaired the starboard boat so that we think she may float without much ballast in her, fitted the spanker gaff bent the sail and set it, bent the fore T G sail, at 7 PM took in jib and mainsail spanker and main T G sail expecting to make the sout end of Madagascar in the morning, at 8 PM hauled on the wind heading N E by E.

Lat 26. 53. Long 49. 24. E

Ships South Carolina

Thursday Jan 19th D 1837

All this day pleasant weather saw nothing hands variously employed in ships duty, at sunset we took in all sail but the topsails expecting to make the south east part of Madagascar in the morn

Lat 25.15 Lon 47.30

Friday 20th

Fore part strong breezes latter part a gale of wind and squally double reefed the topsails and reefed the mainsail steering SW wind S S E. To day one of the sick ones come on duty others convalescents

Lat 25.35 Lon 46.47

Saturday 21st

Gale of wind from the south east saw nothing like whales at 2 PM saw an appearance like a shoal or a rock off our lee beam we kept off and run for it it proves to be something similar to whale feed, this afternoon we reefed the jib and mainsail so ends

Lat 28.50 Lon 44.30

Sunday 22d

More moderate wind from S E at daylight turned the reef out of the mainsail and set single reefed topsails steering W S W, afternoon weather thick with rain at 3 PM set fore and main topgallant sails and spanker to day pretty man came on duty

Lat 29.00 Lon 42.55

Indian Ocean Jan 23d 1837

Monday 23d

Pleasant weather for the most part with a fine breeze from the south morning & evening a little foggy, saw nothing, Steering W by S with fore topmast studdingsail out and lower studdingsail bent to the crotchet yard hands variously employed, the Capt began to build a booby hatch to day, so ends,

Lat 31.20 s Long 40.35 E

Tuesday 24th.

This day had lef wind and more fog steering W½N wind S S W at daylight took in topmast studding sail, This forenoon broke the fore hold for water, took the scuttle butt from aft and lashed it between the after hatch and pumps, afternoon employed makeing spun yarn knotting yarns makeing booby hatch &c

Lat 32.19 s Long 38.18 E

Wednesday 25th

Light winds from the south and very pleasant weather steering W with all sail out saw nothing, the watch employed makeing Spunyarn &c so ends

Lat 33.05 Long 35.15

Thursday 26th

All this day fine breezes and pleasant weather at 7 AM got the main royal up and set it after breakfast two T G sails studdingsails &c afternoon we unrove the cutting falls and sent all the pendants down, at ½ past 5 PM saw sperm whales going quick, lowered 3 boats got nothing Lat 33.25 Long 33.15 E

Saw sperm whales

Ship South Carolina

Friday 27th

This day commenced strong breezes and squally from N.W. at daylight it hauled around to the S double reefed the topsails took in jib and spanker steering W by N. ship pitching heavy at 11 Am carried away the strap to the outer bobstay at 4 PM we had it fitted again turned the reefs out of the ~~main~~ topsails and set the main T Gsail, To day we saw a shoal of billies and several gonys,

Lat 34.31 Long 30.40

Saturday 28th

All this day strong breezes and fair steering W saw nothing. this forenoon we got a lunar To day we stocked the anchors and moved the galley aft and put a new set of belaying pins in the rails, fitted some new bunt-gaskets to the after yards broke out fair water and set up the head stays, at 10 Am sent out top gallant studding sails at 7 PM took them in, so ends pleasant weather and strong from E.

Lat 34.58. Long by lunar 30.50,

Sunday 29th

Fore part of this day had the light from the westward ship on the southern tack middle part strong at 10 am tacked ship and stood in shore, heading N W by N, came W by N, latter part wind light from S S W. with a heavy swell at 2 PM saw a sail standing off shore we called her a whaleman bound to the westward, this afternoon we sent down the main royal yard and unrove the rigging, caught a number of skipjacks and had a good mess of fresh fish, got a lunar and found the chronometer 60 miles ~~out~~ to the eastward

Lat 35, 5' 6. Lon 28. 22.

Indian Ocean Jan 30th D 1837

Monday 30th

Fine weather wind light from the S all the fore part of the day, latter part wind from S to the SE main gat scearce and took in sail to a close reefed topsail steering W N W saw nothing hands variously employed, sat fitted this forenoon two new main topmast shrouds, Lat 35.45 Lon 25.47

Tuesday 31st

Strong brees for the most part from the S steering W S W with main T G sail out, at 4 P M we were in green water on the edg of the Lagulhas bank by our reckoning, and the heavy swell, this afternoon the mizzen gat capsized by a sea and strung the cap, Lat 35.50. Lon 22.50

Wednesday Feb 1st

Had the wind strong from the E for the most part, steering N W with all sail out at 8 A M lowered a boat and sounded got bottom in about 80 fathoms of water coral bottom hands variously employed in carpentering fitting rigging, this afternoon we saw several large schoals of blackfish &c &c Lat 36.03. Long 18.55

Thursday 2d

Fine pleasant weather light wind from the westward, steering N N W with topmast and top gallant studding sails and main royal out, this morning we took up the deck sheathing and cleaned the boards, filled the scuttle butt, and cleaned a head up hove that we had stowed in the lower hold, at 11 am saw Table Mountain distant by our reckoning about 30 miles Lat 34.00 Lon 17.42

Ships South Carolina Bound to St. Helena

Friday Feb 3d D 1837 Lat 32.40 S Long 16.50 E

This day commenced and ended with light winds and very pleasant weather, saw no whales hands employed cleaning ship inside, At 1 PM we came into green water it looked as though there might be soundings got, there is nothing like it on the chart and we were to busy to try it on uncertainty

Saturday 4th

Moderate weather for the most part wind from the eastward, steering N W by N saw lots of kelp, This morning we found ourselves in green water again lowered down a boat and sounded out about 150 fathoms of line got no bottom, Hands employed washing ship outside scraping off the grass &c

Lat 32.05 Long 16.39

Sunday 5th

All this day strong breezes from the S steering N. & W saw blackfish, This morning we set fore and main royal tops I & studding sails topmast and lower studding sail this going through the water about 8 knots

Lat 30.18. Long 14.06

Monday 6th

Strong breezes from the S steering N. by E saw nothing, Starboard watch employed fitting mainrigging, larboard watch at work forward, the Cooper busy making a couple of anchor buoys Stowel and Sherman employed fitting head boards and railing &c

Lat 27.57 S Long 11.26

South Atlantic Ocean Feb 7th 1837

Tuesday 7th

All this day fine weather and a fair wind steering N.N.E saw nothing, Hands employed fitting blocks rigging, making spunyarn &c

Lat 26.12. Lon 9.45

Wednesday 8th

Fine weather steering N.N.E wind E.S.E saw a large school of porpoises, Hands employed rattling down fore and main rigging, &c To day we rigged the lathe, finished the headboards &c

Lat 24.35. Long 7.34

Thursday 9th

To day we took the N.E trade wind steering fore part latter part light, steering N.N.W saw blackfish. Hands employed rattling down rigging, sent down the fore T.G sail to repair

Lat 22.47 Long 5.45.E

Friday 10th

Light winds for the trades, steering N.N.W saw nothing, to day we rattled down the main rigging and turned down the starboard main swifter, rattled the fore topmast rigging got a lunar and stowed commenced caulking ship

Saturday 11th

Lat 21.20.s Long 3.10

Light wind all day, steering N.N.W saw nothing, To day we bent the best fore topsail and shifted the mare one, finished rattling the main rigging &c this afternoon we got a lunar observation, found the chronometer to be gaining 4" daily, at 4 P.M. we commenced setting sails

Lat 22. 20.22.s Long 3.32. E

Ships South Carolina, 1700. 30 o'clock pm

Sunday 12th

Light winds and squally with a little rain, saw a lot of killers or blackfish and a bunch of kelp, steering N.W. Lat 18.47 Long 2.20

Monday 13th

Light winds saw nothing N.W by W was her course to day, Hands employed fitting rigging &c this forenoon we took an account of our meat found we had 18 bbls of beef and pork To day we turned out the larboard main swifter and painted the ships name on the head boards, this afternoon we got a lunar

Lat 17.14. Long 1.40 E

Tuesday 14th

Light winds and clear weather saw nothing, Hands variously employed about the rigging caulking deck &c This afternoon we got a lunar and by it the island of St Helena is about 100 miles off, at 6 PM tacked hove again

Lat 14.50. Long 1.22 W

Wednesday 15th

All this day light winds and squally with occasionally a small shower, we have seen several appearances like land, but nothing certain owing to cloudy weather, hands busy about the rigging &c this afternoon we put in the headboards with the ships name on which makes her look well, steering N.W by W at 12 oc hauled up N.N.W. with studding sails out low and aloft

Lat at Noc 16.10. Long 5.5 at 2.0

Chronometer very treacherous

St, Helena — Feb 16th D 1837

Thursday 16th

This day commenced with light winds, at 12 oc midnight saw the island of St Helena aff our lee beam, we luffed on the wind with the main yard aback, at daylight run in at 7 Am came to anchor in 15 fathoms water, furled the sails and the starboard watch went ashore,
Ships laying at anchor here on the 16th Xenophon full, Minerva, Sambrow Lees Barker 2400 Royal 1800 Two Brothers 2000 Roscoe 1400, and a number of Saghorbour ship besides several merchantmen &c.

Friday 17th

Fine weather, larboard watch on shore The starboard watch lifted the main topmast rigging and put on a couple of new shrouds this morning we hove up our small anchor and let go the best bower, this afternoon we received two sacks of potatoes and some fruit, Sailed to day the Xenophon and 3 other ships arrived one English merchantman and a whaleman,

Saturday 18th

To day I received two letters from one one from my father

Starboard ashore, larboard watch busy on board fitting new a new outer bobstay the pinchain was used for it, they took an account of the bread and beef [illegible] we had 18 bb of pork and 3 of beef and 8 casks of bread, To day we filled some casks of water and hauled the ship for painting &c Vibart 11 oc I went ashore with Wyatt and Emery the latter fainted 3 times before I got him up to the Consuls Wyatt was not so bad off

Ships South Carolina

Sunday 19th D 1837

Squally with rain for the most part, larboard watch ashore, arrived to day the Lucy Anne Parker 1700, Hibernia Brown from the Cape with 2200, besides Jeneral very fine English merchant-man, sailed the Ceres, Minerva, Hanqua and the Two Brothers by the latter I sent a letter to my wife,

Monday 20th

Starboard watch ashore, the other watch attempted to land some bread but did not succeede it was so rugged, they burnt off the bends and blacked them, To day I went up to Bays toomb with G. Taylor

Tuesday 21st

Larboard watch ashore Starboard watch painting ship &c Arrived to day 3 American Merchantmen and one whaleman

Wednesday 22d

This afternoon I went ashore and went up to Mrs Bennet found her well &c got some fruit, arrived to day the Parachute Capt Mayfield 2100 Barque Flandes 700 watch employed painting ship &c

Thursday 23d

All hands busy painting scraping bending sails &c at 4 PM set sail, Arrived to day the Java Capt Smith 1950, Ligurian the Cherokee had lost her. Capt Flannigan and steering boards, So day, we landed 21 casks of bread, and took off 8 sacks of potatoes, and got a pilot, boam of the Parachute

St Helena Jan 24th D 1839

Friday 24th

So day we had the wind from the N.W. through the middle of the day, Hands vareously employed, this afternoon the larboard watch went ashore on liberty, sailed this evening the Parachute to ends

Saturday 25th

Arrived and sailed to day the James Perkins of Boston, Starboard watch ashore on liberty. orders came off to night to get ready to sail tomorrow morning

Sunday 26th

At 4 AM we manned the windlass and how in abaught 60 fathoms of chain and hoisted the topsails, sent a boat ashore for the last at 9 AM he came off and brought a passenger and some fruit, we took our anchor and made sail immediately in company with the Lucy Ann Capt Parker at 12 OC he came on board to dinner at 1 PM we saw a large sperm whale we gave chase down and at him both ships but could not faster he was going too quick we came alongside ~~and~~ of the ship and stood along about an hour and then saw him again, we at him and Capt Parker struck and drawed after taking out two lines very near when he came up his mate struck and he drawed, we could not get up to him with our boats they were so bad, at 4 PM we sent our worst boat on board of the L.A. and got a good one in her place at sunset this island was in sight dist about 60 mile

Saw a large sperm whale The L.A. struck and drawed

Ships South Carolina

Monday 27th Feb. D 1837

Light winds and squally saw nothing watch employed cleaning and blacking chains, at 12 Oc we spoke the Lucy Ann Capt Perry went on board and spent the afternoon we got a lower studding sail out of her and let them have a barrel of pork, course N.W. by N

Tuesday 28th

Light winds and cloudy saw nothing steering N.W by N, the Lucy Ann hull down at sunset 3 points off our lee quarter with every thing set studding sails low and aloft, to day commenced fitting our jib boom, set up the bobstays and spreaded the main top mast rigging and set it up, at 4 Oc PM met Lat

Wednesday 29th Alias March 1st

Fine strong breze all day saw nothing hands employed about the rigging this afternoon we rigged in the old jib boom got the other all ready to send out saw the Lucy Ann astern a long way off, our course to day is N.W. by W

Lat 12. 42 s Long 10. 10 W

Thursday March 2d

Fine breze and squally with rain, at sunrise we raised a sail ahead at sunset she was nearly hull up from deck saw the Lucy Ann astern, to day we got the jib boom out and set up some of the rigging &c starboard watch employed rattling down the main and mizen top mast rigging &c Lat 11, 02 Long 11. 36

Atlantic Ocean March 3d 1837 Lat 9.50 s Long 12.50 w

Friday March 3d

All this day Strong breezes and squally, saw the Lucy Ann a speck in the horizon astern, saw the sail ahead and made her out to be a barque, at sunset she was hull up at dark we set a light and expect to be abrest of her in the morning, nothing particular occured to day hands employed about the rigging &c we expect to make the island of Ascencion in the morning and perhaps stop for water which is getting low with us, not over 50 bbls to the utmost can we find

Saturday 4th

Fine weather wind light, saw the island of Ascencion at daylight, ahead, at 7 Am had a false alarm for Sperm whales, saw the Lucy Ann and the ship that was ahead yesterday was nearly abeam of us this morning, we run for the island and a little before sunset we hauled aback the head yards off the town, Capt Perry went ashore to see about some water &c he aggreed to let the governor have a bbl of flour and 6 bbls of oil at 50c per gallon at 8 Oc he came off, There is one English brig of war lying here had taken several slaves of late, the ships Barker an Minerva touched here a few days ago and this afternoon the North America Packet of Warren left here this afternoon all full bound home

Sunday 5th

Strong breezes and Fine weather, this morning early we landed the oil &c and carried 6 casks ashore and filled them and got them off again about 10 Oc all the rest part of the day we were waiting the motions of the Capt, the Lucy Ann arrived this morning and spent the day here at 7 PM we spoke each other, with the Lucy Ann

Ship, South Carolina, March 2d 1837

March 6th

Strong steady breezes all this day, two ships in sight off our lee quater, Watches employed about the rigging &c nothing new or strange occured to day, Ship going about 6 K steering NW by W

Lat 6. 30 S Long 15. 53 W

Tuesday 7th

Fine breezes to day for the most part strong one ship in sight astern, hands fitting rigging to day the Capt put up a bounty of 3 dollars for a sperm whale, which makes 6 dollars up for one that shall make not less than 40 bbls, this afternoon we killed one of our two remaining hogs, at 4 PM set hold Lat 5. 00 S. Long 17. 10 W

Wednesday 8th

Fine weather and a good breeze, saw the ship astern from mast head, this afternoon we squared the ends of the main rigging, and got the mizen stay down to strip found to be very bad two strands of it intirely gone the other nearly as bad barely strength enough to support the weight of the rope, Mr. J. Lee cut a new one off of the best end of and old cutting fall, Mr. Munn

Lat 3. 37 S Long 19. 20 W

Thursday 9th

To day we have had the wind light and the weather very warm, Steering N. N. W saw nothing except the ship astern. she rather gains on us to day Hands employed in and about the rigging &c this morning we saw sharp lightning in the South

Lat 2. 09. Long 20. 49

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Near the Equator Bound Home March 10th 1837

Friday 10th

Light winds weather clear and hot saw a great many porpoises and a number of dolphin. hands employed as usual about the rigging &c

Lat 46 miles South Long 22. 02

Saturday 11th

Fore part light winds and squally, middle part strong breezes in heavy squalls with a great deal of rain, latter part light winds and cloudy after breakfast starboard watch on deck, cleared away the fore-stay in order to set it up, got all ready and were obliged to knock off on account of a squall, we took in all sail but the courses and double reefed and hauled on the wind at 12 Oc we had every thing set again with a strong breeze and fair as usual. At at 4 PM we set up the fore stay and main-topmast back-stays, and set hold, no lat as being to day by observation

Sunday 12th

Nearly calm to day nothing particular occured, they saw a shoal of blackfish but did not sing out or we should have lowered for them

Lat 1. 11 North Long 24. 40 W

Monday 13th

Squally with rain wind light and variable, at daylight we saw an English barque whaler at 10 AM Capt S went on board of her at dark he returned with Capt — at 10 PM we made sail again for home with a fine breeze from NE at sunset there were 2 ships in sight steering to the NW we called one the Lucy Lee Lat 2. 13. Long 25. 10

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Ship South Carolina, March 14th 1837

Tuesday 14th

Squally with rain all day wind from the N for the most part, at daylight we saw two ships off our weather bow at sunset they were out of sight ahead. Hands employed dodging the rain at 4 P M set hold, No Lat or Long to day

Wednesday 15th

Light variable winds and squally with heavy rain saw lots of finbacks, had the wind for the most to the east of north at sunset also 8 P M wind shifted round to the south, (very light) and rained incessently for 4 hours when it ceased raining at 4 A M had a smart breeze from the south, to day we have been employed between showers mending studding-sails and fly-jib, at 12 oc we bent the latter, having previously rigged out the boom and set up its rigging and the fore topmast stays &c

Lat 4. 13,

Thursday 16

Strong breze from the S fore part middle & latter part Light winds from the N W, saw two ships bound home, Hands employed repairing old sails

Lat 5. 18, Long 29. 57

Friday 17th

Light winds and no wind to day, from SE and S and smoky, employed repairing old sails &c

Lat 5. 41. Long 30. 18

Saturday 18th

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To day took the N E trades at 4 P M very light saw a sail to day we began to paint ship inside Lat 5. 50. Long 30, 45

Atlantic Ocean March 19th 1837

Sunday 19th

Fine pleasant weather nothing in sight at daylight began to wet hold at 7 finished last evening we saw the north star for the first time for a certainty, since we crossed the line nearly 16 months ago Lat 6, 28. Long 32. 32

Monday 20th Fine weather and a gun breeze from the eastward steering NW½N. To day we took a spare topsail yard and lashed it on to the foot of the foresail, finished painting the masts &c Lat 7. 44 N Long 34. 26

Tuesday 21st

All this day had the wind light from about E saw nothing, Hands variously employed about the rigging, this afternoon the cooper shooked a lot of pipes, at 4 PM wet hold repaired the main top gallant studding sail and set it and hoisted the old jib for a topmast and lower studding sail to the main, This evening full moon and very pleasant weather Lat 9, 00 N Long 36. 15

Wednesday 22d

Light winds saw nothing like whales except a piece of squid, saw a sail to windward steering about W, am course NW b. W All this day we have had a strong current setting to the westward. Hands employed setting up backstays &c after breakfast we unbent the topsail sheets fore & aft and bent them off clean and hoisted them and the ties

Lat 10. 30 N Long 38. 40 W

Ship South-Carolina, Lat 41. Long 41

Thursday 23d

Light winds and pleasant weather At sunrise the man at mast-head sung out for sperm whales we luffed too till after breakfast saw nothing and kept off again and set the studding sails, Hands variously employd some seting up rigging some painting, blacksmithing &c To day we feel somewhat alarmed for a man forward who has been unwell for a fortnight past out of his head some part of the time, at other times on deck to work now he appears to be perfectly stupid says nothing does nothing nor eats any thing scarcely some say he has the brane fever for which the Capt gave him some medecine to night

Lat 41.39, N Long 40.59

Friday 24th

A little more wind to day on an average saw a sail on our weather bow at 10. OC at 4 PM she was about 10 miles distant steering the same course that we are N 10, This afternoon we hauled up our starboard chane and blacked it &c

Lat 43.03 N Long 43,40

Saturday 25th

Fine pleasant weather and a nice breze with a strong current geting to the SW The sail we saw yesterday ahead of us was out of sight astern at sunset, To day we commenced repairing our old sails and finished the fore topsail at 4 PM and hoisted, Lat 44.09, Long 42.57

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Atlantic Ocean March 26th 1837

Sunday 26th

Light winds from the east, at day-light saw a barque off our weather beam steering about N.N.by W, at 3 P.M saw a brig steering S.W Lat 15, 26 & Long 44.10 W

Monday 27th

Fore and middle part of this day had the wind very light from S.E to S, at 4 P.M calm, at 5, had the wind out N.W and squally, at 9 the wind was about N with a little drizly rain, at daylight we saw the barque off our wether beam, and an english brig astern of us bound to the west indies at 10 A.M saw another Englishman bound to the West Indies, At 8 am we spoke the barque she proved to be the Jasper Flanders, Capt F. came on board and spent the day, Hands employed repairing fore topsail at 12 oc finished it This afternoon we got all the bone out from between decks and aired it and stowed it in the run, Lat 16, 26, Lng 45, 20

Tuesday 28th

Fine pleasant breze from the N. saw several vessles bound to the southward & westward, at day light we saw the Jasper about 5 miles right-astern, at ½ past 6 we hauled aback for her and unbent the mizen topsail to repair between 8 and 9 am the Jasper was up with us Capt Perry went on board, at 8 P.M he returned Hands employed repairing, mizen top sail, at 1 P.M the back rope to M.S. Trail parted, at 4 P.M we had

Lat 17, 05 Long 46. 56

Ship South Carolina, March 29th A.D 1837

Wednesday 29th

All this day strong breezes from N E Steering N W by W Saw two finback and a lots of gulf-weed, Saw a ship at 4 P.M ahead steering N W, Hands employed from morning till sunset riping up and repairing old sails, at sunset we put the spare mizen topsail main T.G. sail fore-topmast-staysail cutting falls and part of an old mainsail (for (bunging cloth) into cask and stowed them away between decks, at sunset the Jasper was hull down astern, Lat 17.26 Long 48.54

Thursday 30th

Light airs and calm, at daylight the wind shifted from N E to S E, at sunset it was from N W, Saw the Jasper to day at 2 P.M she was about 3 miles off Capt Flanders lowered his boat and came on board of us, at 3 she had colors set at the fore & main mast heads for a sistance they have a man on board who threatens the lives of the Capt and officers yesterday they had him in irons last night he got out of them, Capt Perry went on board and they soon secured him. Hands employed to day repairing spunkers &c Lat 18.12 Long. 49.10

Friday 31st

Strong breezes from S W, steering N W hands employed repairing main spencer, puting preventer guys to the masts and booms &c, at 2 P.M took in studding sails, main royal fly jib and T.G. sails, Jasper astern, at sunset inland N W, tacked ship to the west, Lat 19.38, Long 49.25

Atlantic Ocean Lat 21. 5' Lon 48. 01

Saturday April 1st 1837

Strong breezes from N W with a heavy swell, Hands employed repairing old jib &c, at sunset saw the Jasper very small from mast head about a point off our lee quarter, at 9 P M hauld a heavy squall took in light sails and double reefed the topsails, at 11 made all sail again nearly calm ship heading N N E. E at ½ P M wet hold

Sunday 2d

All this day nearly calm, saw nothing neither sail or whale, watch busy finding a cool place to lay down and rest themselves poor fellows must heat out all of us, we want to go home but cant for the want of that which some have to much of, a southerly, L L D.

Lat 21.36. Lon 49.12

Monday 3d

Strong breezes from N N E, steering N W by W saw nothing, hands employed repairing old sails taking main and mizen rigging &c

Lat 22.03. Lon 50.

Tuesday 4th

Moderate breezes from N and N E at 2 P M raised a sail on our weather bow steering to the northward and westward, Hands employed to day in making a deeper line, of new Towline at sunset we had 40 fathoms made, at 4 P M wet hold Lat 22. 30

Wednesday 5th

Fine pleasant breze from S E, Hands employed taking rigging &c at 2 P M we passed near an english barque steering E by N

Lat 24.05. Lon 52.57

Ship South Carolina

Thursday April 6th 1837

All this day strong breeses from the south steering W.N.W. Hands employed variously, at daylight seen a sail on our weather bow at sunset she was abeam of us

Lat 25.03. Long 54. 30

Friday 7th

This day for the most part light winds it commenced with a heavy squall from the North with rain, we double reefed the topsails and tacked ship, at 12 oc wind E.N.E. light with a tremendeous head beat sea on, Hands employed makeing rope laying up twine into fishlines fitting rigging &c

Lat 26. 18. Long 66.15

Saturday the 8th

Light from the eastward steering W by S. This morning we clewed up the main topsail and repaired it in the top, at 11 am set it again and unbent main T.G. sail and repaired it and middle stitched it this afternoon we unbent the mainsail and repaired it and bent it again at 4 PM and set. hd, To day we got a lunar made the long 58. 37 differ from chronometer 44' 57"

Lat 26. 24 N

Sunday 9th

Strong breeses from the south and west with cloudy and squally weather the latter part Hands employed timing sails &c saw a ship at 4 PM steering N.E, at ½ past 1 PM we got a lunar

Lat 27 12. Long 61. 03

Atlantic Ocean. April 10th 1837, Lat 28. Lg 62

Monday 10th of April

Light winds from N E fore part latter part light from West, Course N W, saw nothing Hands employed planing the deck making gaskets &c. after sunset we took one of our lower studding sails and cut a T G studding-sail out of it and set it at 1 o

Lat 28.11. Long 62, 18

Tuesday 11th

This 24 hours for the most part a clean flat calm, saw several whales took one of them to be a Sperm whale they proved to be all finbacks Hands employed scrimshanking about deck This morning we lowered a boat and tried the current found but little setting southwesterly

Lat 28. 38. Long 62. 55

Wednesday 12th

All this day light winds from N W saw a brig and a schooner bound to the eastward at 10 Am the man at masthead sung out for a dead Sperm whale off our lee beam we kept off for it and run along-side of it it proved to be stick of round timber about 10 ft long it looked as though it had been in the water a long time being very much worm eaten and covered with barns under water. To day we took an account of our provisions and water, we find we have only 9 lbs of meat per man, which was weighed and divided, we have bread and water enough for a month longer, in that time we shall be at home I hope Lat 27 Long 63. 30

Ships South Carolina

Thursday 13th

Light wind wind and calm fore part latter part had a small breze from N by W saw two vessles appeared to be steering N W

Lat 28.50, Long 63.45

Friday 14th

Commenced with light winds from the south which increased to a strong breze by sunset she was going 7 knots. Hands employed painting and cleaning the decks of the trash such as old ropes iran &c, Saw a brig to day off our starboard beam steering more to the west than we are our course is N W by W

Lat 28.11. Long 64.58

Saturday 15

All this day strong brezes from the south squally with rain saw nothing, To day we have our try works overboard cleaned the pots and stowed them below this afternoon we cleaned the deck and scrubed off clean. The old ships quickens her pace some since she has been relieved of he try works it looks as though she wanted to go hame and every thing and all of us are inclined that way she has got all the sail that we can set on her and a fine strong souther to fill them with every appearance of its lasting for some days to come, 4 days more like to day and we shall part never more to meet again perhaps I hope not again on board of a whale ship, Lat 31.36. Long 67.10

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Gulf Stream Coast of America

Sunday 16th

This day commenced with a strong whole sail breze from the south and ended with as much wind from SSW as we could carry double reefed topsails to steering NW by N, hands employed to day sailing the ship, spoke several peices of drift wood &c this afternoon we carried away lower studding yard split the fly jib and mizen T.G. sail, carried away the topmast studding sail haulyards and tore the sail all to peices getting of it in

Lat 34.26 Long 68.40

Monday 17th

Strong breres and variable winds and squally with rain, at sunrise wind W at 12 SW as much as we could carry royals to at 4 PM the wind changed suddenly from SSW to NW by N strong, we double reefed the topsails and wore ship headed W SW at 10 PM wind NW weather clear and cold

Lat 36.55 Long 70.31

Tuesday 18th

Very strong breezes from the westward at sunrise calm at 6 AM light breze from ESE set royals and studding sails low and aloft saw a brig off our weather beam steering NW by W at 11 AM strong breze and squally took royals and studding sails at 12 strong here from SW steering NW at 2 PM spoke the brig she proved to be the Eurallas of Plimouth (Mass) from Leghorn bound to New York at 4 PM wind NW by W 6 or 7 under double reefed topsails set a reefed jib and split it

Lat 39.00 Long 71.

Gulf Stream

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Ship South Carolina

Wednesday 19th

Gulf Stream

All this day strong breezes ship under double reefed fore and mizen topsail single reefed main for the most part, saw the brig astern about 3 miles, at sunrise we unbent the jib and repaired it at 8 Am set it reefed at 12 oc we judged ourselves out of the Gulf stream, at 2 PM set top gallant sails at 3 took them in again at sunset strong breze from W S W the Emattas was out of sight abaft 3 points off our ~~lee~~ weather quarter

Lat 28,40. Long 70.25

Thursday 20th

Light wind and calm saw a number of reples, at daylight sounded in 90 fathoms no bottom at 12 oc the same at 11 PM had 45 fathoms muddy bottom wind light from the South Hands employed painting rails and gratings boards &c at 9 PM got a lunar

Lat 39,43 Long 71.33

Friday 21st This day commenced with light winds and calm, at 3 Am sounded in 35 fathoms mud and grey sand at sunrise light breze steering N by E wind W S W, Hands employed scrubing with sand at 7 sounded in $\frac{35}{36}$ fathom white and grey sand at 12 oc 26 fathoms black and white sand wind at north ~~steering~~ steering W N W saw a sail off our lee bow heading to the eastward, the watch below employed this fore noon picking up their beds expecting to go in to night, but they have lost their calculation no land in sight yet Lat 40.44 Long 71 35

soundings through the night from 25 to 14 fathoms grey sand very fine

Coast of America, South side of Martha's Vineyard
Saturday April 22 D 1837

This day commenced with strong
breres from the north west ship heading N E at
sunrise at ½ 4 Am saw the land and made it
out to be Nantucket bearing N N W distant
about 15 miles saw many whales fishing on the
shoal, we tacked ship and stood to the southward
at 12 O C wind light from W saw Gay Head and
Noman's Land, at sunset the former bore N W
distant about 10 miles, wind W by S fine breese
ship heading S by W tacked ship to the southward
in hopes to get home to morrow crew all well and
nothing to eat, so ends another week the last I shall spend
on board this ship very soon I hope

Ship South Carolina 32 Right Wheeling.